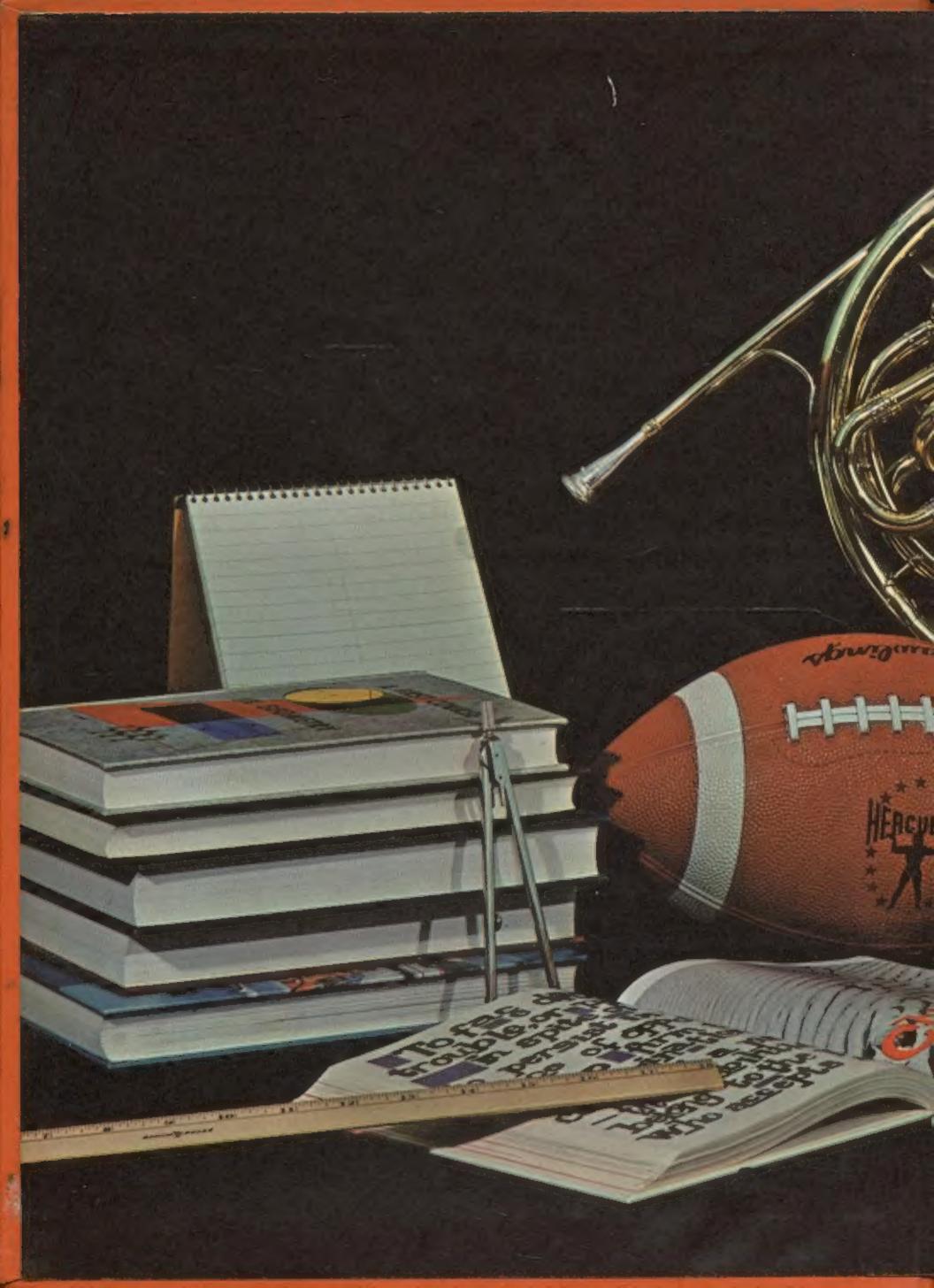
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The 1969 BENGAL



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In Memoriam



Ricardo Torres



B E N G A L

Foreword

In compiling the 1968-69 Bengal, the Bengal Staff kept one thing in mind—the students of Mercedes High School. It was with this goal that we attempted to record for you everything that happened at Mercedes High during the 1968-69 school year. Many things happened—some were happy and some were sad. They form, nevertheless, part of our school year.

As you look through the yearbook, you will find a little of everything and even a part of yourself. In the years to come, when you pick up the 1968-69 Bengal, you will find yourself reliving that "Wonderful Year".

THE BENGAL STAFF

The 1969 Bengal



Mrs. Livia Tidwell



Mrs. Tidwell is the girl's physical education teacher, pep squad director, and cheerleader sponsor. She is also one of the most loyal fans that the TIGERS have.

Mr. Hatley is assistant principal, athletic director for MHS, and the varsity football coach.

Salutes



Mr. Dale Hatley

In deciding upon the dedication, the Bengal Staff was faced with one question:

What two faces at Mercedes High School most personify the school and the spirit that sustains it.

We didn't have to look far for the answer.

Mrs. Livia Tidwell, teacher and pep squad director, is a woman whose face is familiar to all of us. So is Mr. Dale Hatley's, athletic director and coach. We have seen these two faces reflect many moods. We have seen elation there, the elation that comes with a hard-earned victory. We have seen the disappointment of defeat. We have seen leadership and good sportsmanship, backed by the determination to come out victorious. And always we have seen there a true love for Mercedes High and its TIGERS.

It is because of these qualities and others that we dedicate the 1969 Bengal to you, Mrs. Tidwell, and to you, Mr. Hatley.

The 1969 Bengal Staff Sandra Champion, editor



September Begins . . .



As school begins students chat with friends between classes.

September . . . a new year begins. "I don't want a study hall," and "I want to get out early," were quotes heard as students registered and started classes. September was filled with many outstanding events: our first pep rally, the presentation of the cheerleaders for their activities and loyalty to MHS.

The month was long, and everyone soon settled down to a daily routine...looking ahead with anticipation to future events in OUR WONDERFUL YEAR.



Chosen as September Rotary Couple were Josefina Avila and Brad Jones.



At our first pep rally Tiger Captains give speech in hope of victory. Captains for the first game were Larry, Joe, and Arnold.

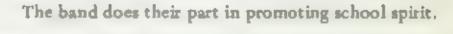
Our Wonderful Year



Cheerleaders helped to arouse school spirit with one of their skits before the Mission game



At noon there is a big confusion as students get in line to buy their lunches.







Sophomore Ann Lauder, escorted by Eddie Torres, was crowned as Carnival Queen.

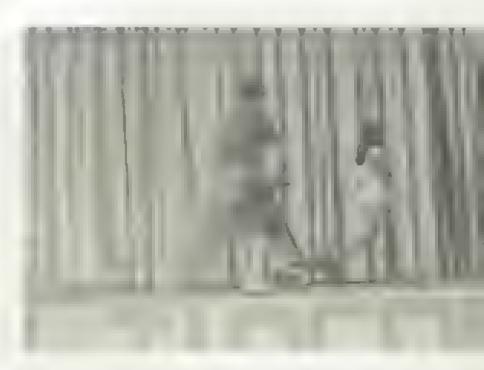
The Halloween Carnival is held annually and is sponsored by the Mercedes High School Band. The Sophomore Candidate was crowned Carnival Queen this year.

Another activity during the month of October was a play sponsored by the Speech class and held during one of the year's assemblies.

The faculty chose Myrthala Dominguez and Trent Taylor as the October Rotary Couple.



Mrythala Dominguez and Trent Taylor were chosen as Rotary Couple for the month of October.



The Speech class performs for the student body in one of the assemblies in order to promote school spirit.



Mr. Fitzgerald speaks out on the problem of narcotics at one of our assemblies.

November was the month in which Mr. Fitzgerald came and talked at one of our assemblies on Narcotics. It was also the month in which term papers were to be handed in. November was also the month of the Football and Band Sweethearts.

Chosen as Rotary Couple for November were Larry Schwarz and Maureen Hager.

Vicki Wade was chosen in November as Football Sweetheart and Teresa Hoverson was chosen by the Band as Band Sweetheart.





Larry Schwarz and Maureen Hager were chosen Rotary Couple for November.



As the school year progresses, students make use of the library facilities.

December



Joseph and Mary begin their long journey in Las Posadas, which was presented by PASE during Christmas.



Chosen as the December Rotary Couple were Theresa Hoverson and Paul Cotter.

December is the month to which most students look forward to for it means a two-week holiday period. To start the Christmas holidays, the PASF presented The Posadas, the choir presented an assembly of Christmas carols, and the French and German students sang in their respective languages. For Theresa Hoverson and Paul Cotter it held something extra. They were selected as the December Rotary Couple.

January is the beginning of a new year. For the Juniors it meant acquiring their Senior rings, and for Winter Derus and Robert Miller, it meant being honored as the Jan. Rotary Couple.



Four Juniors proudly display their newly-acquired rings.

And January



Winter Derus and Robert Miller, who were absent on the day the picture was made, were the January Rotary Couple.

Stock Show Events Occurred in March



Mr. Albright takes care of flats for Faculty during spare time.

In the months of February and March Mr. Albright was caught fixing flats, and Cindy Champion was elected second alternate for the Cover Girl Contest.

Chosen as Rotary Couple for February were Princilla Villarreal and Pedro Garza.

Chosen as March Rotary Couple were David Hovda and Elvia Basaldua.



Rotary Couple for February were Princilla Villarreal and Pedro Garza.



David Hovda and Elvia Basaldua were chosen as the Rotary Couple for March.



Cindy Champion was selected second alternate in the 1969 Cover Girl Contest.

Prom Is Main



The Foamy Brine provided the music for the Junior-Senior Prom.



Even a contact lens attended the Prom!



The Texas A&I singers entertained the students at one of the April assemblies.



Ruth Ann Crenshaw's speech for Student Council President won the election for her.

Event in April



Cindy, Irma, and Vangie show their talent for Cheerleader tryouts



Sophomores get ready to show their skit at the Prom.

The month of April was the most exciting nonth of the year. Different events were held, uch as the presentation of the Texas A&I singers, the Junior-Senior Prom, the Skit, and he elections of the President of Student Council and the cheerleaders for next year

Chosen by the Faculty as the Rotary Couple or April were Veronica Galvan and Kenneth ones.



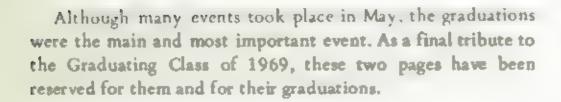
Robert and Rosie de los Santos seem to be enjoying the Prom.



Chosen as April Rotary Couple were Veronica Galvan and Kenneth Jones.

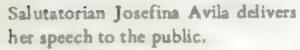


Seniors pick up their caps and gowns for graduation.





Esther Sanchez and Arnoldo Flores were selected as the May Rotary Couple.





Solemnly, the Seniors begin the walk that we bring them to their diplomas.





Valedictorian Larry Schwarz de livers his speech to the public



THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1969

May and the Graduating Class of 1969

on Thursday, May 29, 1969 at 8:00 P.M., the Senior

Class of 1969 Graduated!





Trent Taylor receives the American Legion Award.

Seniors Hold Themselves

Juana Alvarez Armando Alfonso Anciso Josefina Amalia Avila Javier Ayala



Juanita Amelia Ayala Desiderio Anacleto Badillo San Juanita Barroso



1969 Senior class officers are (l to r): Larry President; Esther Sanchez, Vice-President; Prin Knapp, Corresponding Secretary; Colma Lentz, Maria Carreon Student Council Representatives;



Maria Elvia Basaldua Bonnie Belle Bazar







Up for Emulation



Schwarz, Parliamentarian; Myrthala Dominguez, cilla Vıllarreal, Secretary. (2nd row) (1 to s) Gilsie Reporter; Vicky Wade, Veronica Galvan, and Trent Taylor, treasurer.

Elida Ramirez Benavidez Mary Rose Benavidez



Alfonso Cano Jr. Marina Cano Raul Vento Cantu-Mary Angela Canty





Edelmiro Briseno Jr. Brenda Jean Brothers

Efrain Cabrera

















Maria Guadalupe Carreon Pedro Chacon Carmen Castaneda Joe Luis Cavazos

Marie Guadalupe Champion Sandra Champion

Bertha Contreras Teresa de Jesus Contreras Rene Elias Cortez

Paul Franklin Cotter Feliciano Cuadra, Jr. Minnie Elizabeth Daniels



Boys Tell Experiences of Boys State

Arnold Flores, Trent Taylor, Brad Jones and Larry Schwarz speak at assembly about Boy's State.



Interested Seniors attend weekly Senior meetings.

Winter Ynez Derus Carlos Armando Diaz Karen Sue Diehl

Fernando Dominquez

Myrthala Dominquez

Roberto Elizondo

Enrique Hernandez Enriquez Adan Estrada Jr. Margaret Ruth Eversole

Judy Ann Fiveash
Antonio Flandes
Arnold Gonzalez Flores

























Emma Eliza Flores Juan Manuel Flores Maria San Juanita Flores Maria Rosalinda Galvan





Albert, Mildred, Juan, Clemente and Mari work very hard in Texas History.

Raul Jose Galvan Veronica Galvan

Sylvia Elena Garces Robert Gregory Garcia

Claudio Abrego Garcia Ernesto Garcia























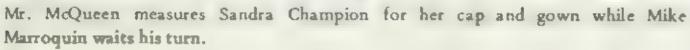








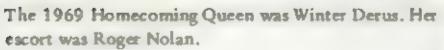




















Enrique Noe Hinojosa Ricardo Noe Hinojosa David Hjalmer Hovda

San Juanita Guarjardo Maria Elma Guajardo Dina Maureen Hager



eresa Ann Hoverson avid Leroy Howell alter Howell

Estelia Julpas Jose Julpas Gienn Bradley Jones

Gloria Jean Jones Kenneth Neil Jones Frances Gilson Knapp

Colma Ann Lentz Esperanza Longoria Albert Lopez



Vicky Wade helps out Sr. candidate by preparing a rummage sale.





Here ETI boys are testing the test tube machine.



Maria Alma Marroquin

Ismael Marroguin

Rolando Marroquin

Casimiro Martinez









Robert Lynn Miller

Isaac Mireles, fr.

Raul Morales







Powder Puff Team (I to r) Carmen Castaneda, Elida Benavidez, Maureen Hagar, Brenda Brothers, Winter Derus, Veronica Galvan, Mari Lozano, Linda Wisner, Sandra Champion, Mildred Rios, Olga Martinez, Emma Flores, Margie Sauceda, Nancy Swain, Roy Rodriguez, Larry Schwarz, Esther Trevino, Juanita Barroso, Elva Quiroga, Rosie Garza, Myrthala Dominguez, Rosa Garcia, Elia Sauceda, Vickie Wade, Colma Lentz, and David Hovda.



faria Olga Martinez ortunato Morquecho uz Maria Ortiz elia Perez



San Juanita Munoz



Anita Padılla



Jose Israel Perez



Nestor Perez Alfredo Presas Sylvia Presas

Ricardo Pumarejo Elva Quiroga Maria Candelaria Ramirez

Maria de la Luz Ramirez Dennis Patrick Raulie James Timothy Reger



Chosen as Senior class favorites were Esther Sanchez and David Hovda.



Cheryl Ann Riley

Mildred Belinda Rios

David Rivera

Isidro Robles



Mr. Churchill's Civics class is busy preparing their income tax problem.



nrique Rodriquez

Joe Rodriquez Jr.

Obeth Rodriquez

Rebecca Rodriquez



Rogelio Rodriquez Herlinda Rubio Teresa Salas

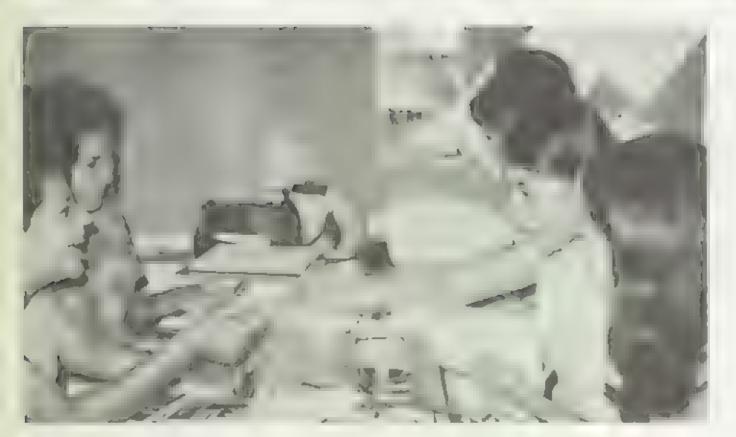








Elia Sauceda Marcelina Eden Sauceda Lawrence David Schwarz



Look's like the Bengal staff is hard at work!



enn Stewart ancy Jane Swain

Benita Trevino Esther Trevino

Horace Vega Maria Socorro Vidales

Victoria Kaye Wade Linda Jane Wisner

School Board Sets Policies for Operation of Schools



School Board members are (sitting) Robert Villanueva, President, Joe Bono, Bob Marroquin, Jack Schwarz. (standing) Anseln Sanchez, N. K. Fitzgerald, Supt., Gilbert Donunguez, Dan Morrison, W. C. Russ III, Ignacio Romeros

Throughout the year school board members are busy discussing and setting new school policies to help improve the operation of the schools. They carry out a difficult task trying to establish good policies and hiring the best teachers to really prepare the students for the future. N. K. Fitzgerald has been superintendent of the Mercedes Independent School District for six years.



Mr. N. K. Fitzgerald, Superintendent



L Broyles Surriculum Director



D. Hatley Assistant Principal



ssistant Principal

. Smith dministrative Assistant



Administrators Directed Student Body



E. Albright Principal



Mrs. Delia Barron, Counselor



Mrs. Carol Cowden, Counselor

Our two counselors, Mrs. Barron and Mrs. Cowden are always ready and willing to help students with their decisions and arising problems

Newcomers to the MHS Administration are Mrs. Gorena, Social Worker, Mrs. Maude Trolinger, Mrs. Anabel Harris, and Mrs. Victoria Flores, secretaries.



Mrs. Hilda Gorena, Social Worker



Mr. A. P. Solis, Visiting Teacher



Mrs. Maude Trolinger, Secretary



Mrs. Veda Freeman, Secretary

Administrators Keep Busy Throughout the Year



s. Anabel Harris, Secretary



Mrs. Victoria Flores, Secretary

Central Office Staff



Mrs. B. Halliburton Main Office Secretary



Mrs. E. Sledge Main Office Secretary



D. Savedra, I. Romeros Jr.,
Mrs. L. Ortiz, and Mrs. D. Stewart (seated)
Business Office Workers



Mr. Lyons Cafeteria Director



Members of the English Department are (I to r) Mr C. Fischer, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. L. Mendenhall, Mr. W. Bennett, Miss A. P. Whatley, Mrs. B. Jones, Mrs. A. M. Greenwood, Mrs. M. Bunton, Mrs. L. Dubisson, Mrs. B. Hatley,

Mercedes High School offers four years of English. One semester students study grammar and literature the other semester. Journalism is taken by students who are interested in working with the newspaper or yearbook. Speech helps the students express their ideas better.

Spanish, French, and German are the foreign languages taught at MHS. German, taught by Mr. Carter, was the foreign language added this year.

Foreign Department Members I to r: Mrs. M. A. Baingo, Mrs. M. Betancourt, Miss R. Robles, Mrs. G. Goza, Mr. D. Carter, Miss E. Padilla.

Students learn conjugation in their Spanish class.







Advanced Math Challenges Students

Some students smile and some frown as they receive their algebra report cards from Mr. Jones.

Among the many preparatory courses taken by high school students is math. Math is probably the most advanced course. Included in this course are related math, Algebra I and II, geometry, Math IV, and mechanical drawing.



Mathematics Department members are (1 to 1) Mr. R. Rodriguez, Mr. R. Hernandez, Mrs. E. Atteberry, Mrs. D. Brewer, Mr. J. Jones, and Miss W. B. Russell.

Students Prepare for Future Vocations



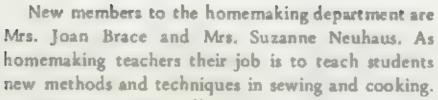




Mrs. Joan Brace

Mrs. Vaudene Pruitt

Mrs. Suzanne Neuhaus



Business courses offered are Typing I and II, shorthand, and bookkeeping.



Homemaking students work diligently to finish their garments in time for the spring style show.



Students are kept busy working on their jobs and taking time writings.

Mrs. J. Lauder

Mr. L. Petross

Mrs. W. Dillard







Delia Sanchez and Adelmira Reyna seem to find something funny in Mr. Guest's explanation.

Among the different science courses oftered at MHS are biology, chemistry, physical science, and physics

Freshmen are required to take physical science, a general background on most phases of sciences. Sophomores may take biology, beginning their study with the simplest of plants and concluding with the most complicated structure—the human body.

Juniors and seniors may take chemistry and physics.



Mr Lehman shows his class one of the many specimens studied in biology.



Science Department teachers are: Mr. W. Guest, Mr. L. Murphy, Mr. C. Chism, Mr. J. C. McQueen, Mr. R. Lehman, Mr. R. Rodriguez.



Social Studies Department members are Mr M. Churchill, Mr. Villarreal, Mr. C. Fischer, Miss I. Garret, Mr. Downing. Sitting: Mrs. K. Churchill, Mr. D. Carter.



Mr. Downing looks on as students read their class assignment.

Four courses are offered in the social studies department. These are world history, American history, civics, and Texas history.

World history, taken by sophomores, is the study of the development of world civilization from prehistoric times to the present.

American history is the history of our nation from its early discovery to the present.

Civics is a required subject for graduation taken by all seniors.

Texas history is a new subject added this year, taught by Mr. Fischer.



Mr. R. Aguslar III, Band, Mr. R. Kies, Choir Mrs. P. Haynes, Art, Mr. A. Teltschik, Band.



Mr. Natho demonstrates the proper techniques in tennis.

Electives Offered at MHS

Leading the way for the band's number one place everytime are Mr. Teltschik and Mr. Aguilar, band directors.

With Mrs. Haynes help, art students display their works throughout the year around the school.

Mr. Ralph Kies, choir director, tries his very best to prepare his students for various concerts presented throughout the year.

Mrs. Tidwell has done an excellent job with her P.E. students. She keeps them busy playing basketball, volleyball and this year, swimming.

Keeping the students informed of all the traffic regulations and safe driving techniques is Mr. Pruitt.

Miss Ester Hillegas is this year's health teacher for girls.

Mr. Billy Pruitt



Mrs. Livia Tidwell



Miss Ester Hillegas





Joe Rodriguez uses the adding machine to check on his addition.



Mr Saldana explains to one of his students the trouble with the motor.

Preparing the boys in the field of agriculture are Mr. Dollery and Mr. Saldana. They are also the F.F.A. sponsors who help the boys operate several projects throughout the year.

Helping the students prepare for future office jobs are Mrs. Reagan and Mr. Tidwell.

ICT and ETI are the new courses offered this year under the direction of Mr. Moreno and Mr. Martinez.

Students Take Interest in Vocations

Vocational Department members are (1 to r): Mr. J. Dollery, Mr. D. Martinez, Mrs. C. Reagan, Mr. Moreno, Mr. D. Tidwell, Mr. L. Saldana.



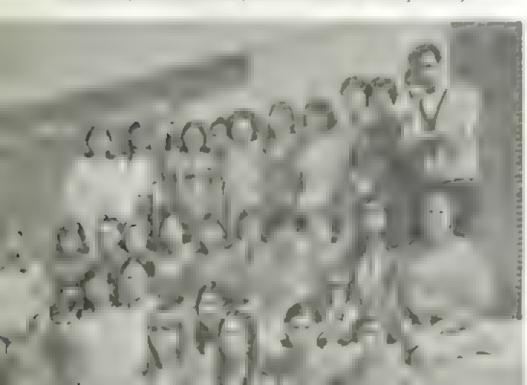


Mrs. Mary Stokes, Librarian



Library Assistants are (1 to r back row) Alicia Garza, San Juanita Flores, Javier Ayala, Front row: Janie Perez, Linda Roman, Herlinda Briones, Dora Sanchez, Celia Perez, Marcella Ervin, Peggy Ervin.

Office Workers are (1 to r standing) Myrthala Domin quez, Anna Guerra, Beatriz de los Santos, Herlinda Rubio, Celia Perez, Maria Carreon, Elva Quiroga, Josie Avila, Obeth Rodriquez, Theodora Alaniz, Clemente Solis, Freddy Garza. Middle row: Mary Beth Tankersley, Janie Guajardo, Norma Garza, Rosie Galvan, Cande Ramirez, Hilda Hernandez, Judy Solis, Carmen Castaneda, Elida Benavidez, Consuelo Rodriguez, Janie Sanchez. Bottom row. Sally Twenhafel, Rolando Marroquin, Adelmira Reyna, Blanca Vasquez, Joy Jones, Sharon Whitner, Ansta Gonzalez, Marian Wade, Belle Moreno, Cathy Canty.



Library Assistants, Office Workers, Aides

Teacher aides are Mrs Villarreal, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Hinojosa, Mrs. Saldana, Mrs. Lugg, Mrs. de la Cerda, Nurse's aide, Mrs. Harris





Maintenance members are (l to t): Pascuel Lopez, Juan M. todriguez, Pedro Rodriguez, and Francisco Flores.



Miss Opal J. Davison School Nurse

Good Health and a Pleasant Environment a Major Concern

Cafeteria workers are (1 to 1): Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Prado, Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. Hinojosa, and Mrs. Lusk.



Trying the keep the school campus and building clean is the job of the school janitors. They are kept busy all day long clearing the campus of litter.

Preparation of the delicious meals for the lunch hour is credited to the ladies working in the cafeteria.

Miss Opal Davison, the school nurse, also does a wonderful job of keeping the students records up-to-date.

Juniors Follow Senior's Footsteps



Junior class officers are (1 to 1) Jaime Closner, parliamentarian; George Galvan, reporter, Robert de los Santos, sergeant at arms, Betty Sisk, treasurer, Bobbie Kay Jones, Vice President, Scott Sparrow, President, Not shown, Ofelia Salazar, secretary.

With three years down and one to go, the Juniors anxiously await their Senior year. Each day of upperclass activity brings them new thrills and experiences.

Preparation for the prom is the biggest activity of the Junior Class. The class has to raise money to pay for the prom, and that means that everyone has to help. The biggest raising project of the Junior class is to sponsor the concession stands at the football games.

At the end of the year, the Juniors get their rings; this is only the beginning for the coming Seniors.



Mr. Bennet is an English teacher for the Juniors.



Irene Aguilar Theodora Alaniz



Gary Albright Esther Anciso



Sylvia Arteaga Larry Bandemer



Junior class sponsors are (1 to r): Mr. Pruitt, Mr. Smith, Miss Robles, Miss Garret, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Jones.

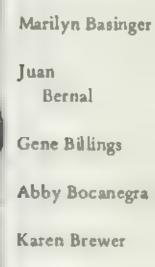






















Gene Billings Abby Bocanegra Karen Brewer Amadeo Cadena Humberto Camacho Antonio Cano

Esmeraldo Cano

Alma Banuelos

Humberto Cano

Maggie Carreon

Elva Cantu

Benito Castaneda









Johnny Hinojosa looks on while Maggie Carreon receives her senior ring

















Fernando Chimely

Jaime Closner

Oliver Closner

Art Cowden









Ruth Ann Crenshaw

Mary Daniels

Rebecca Diaz

Susan Dillon

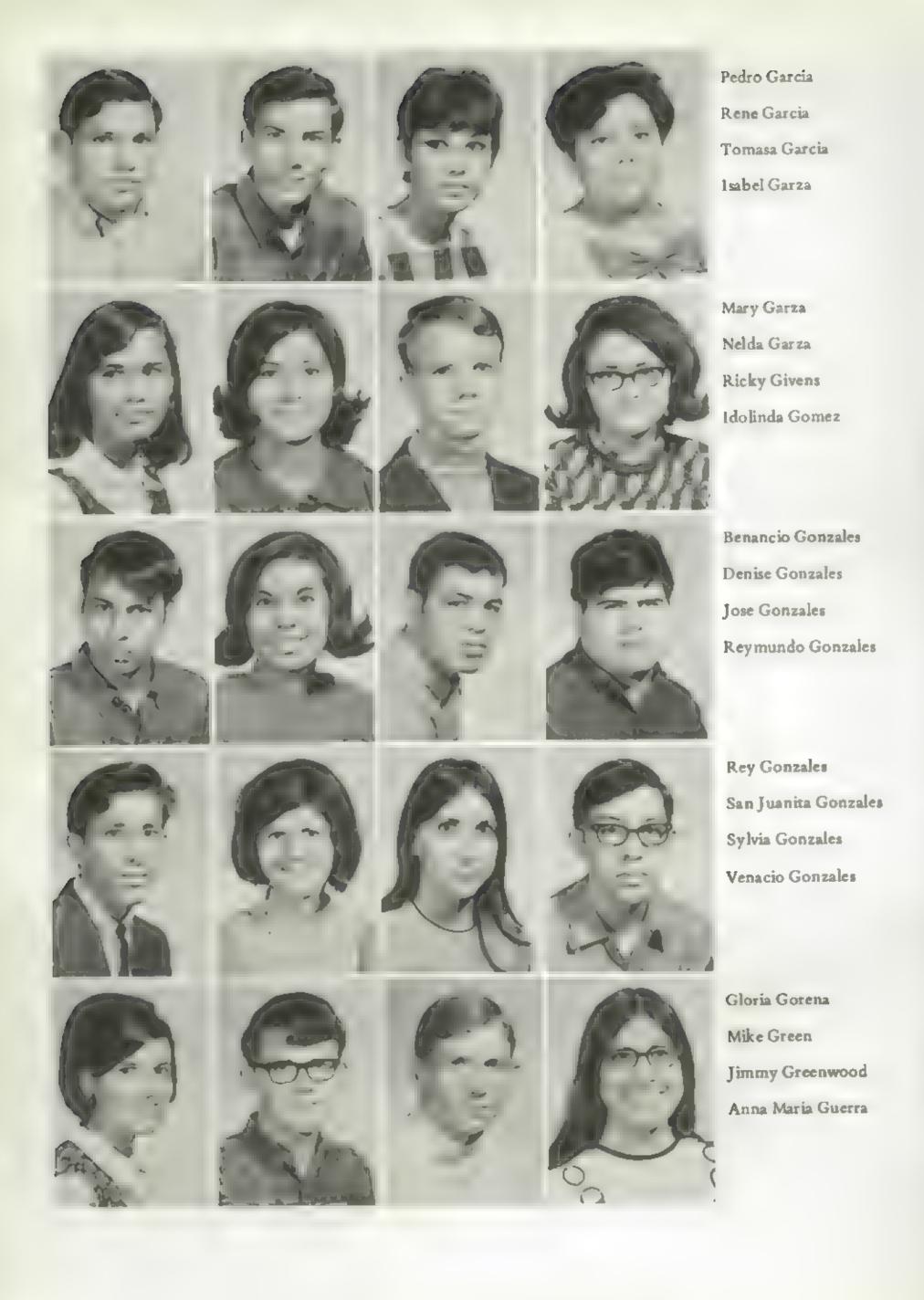


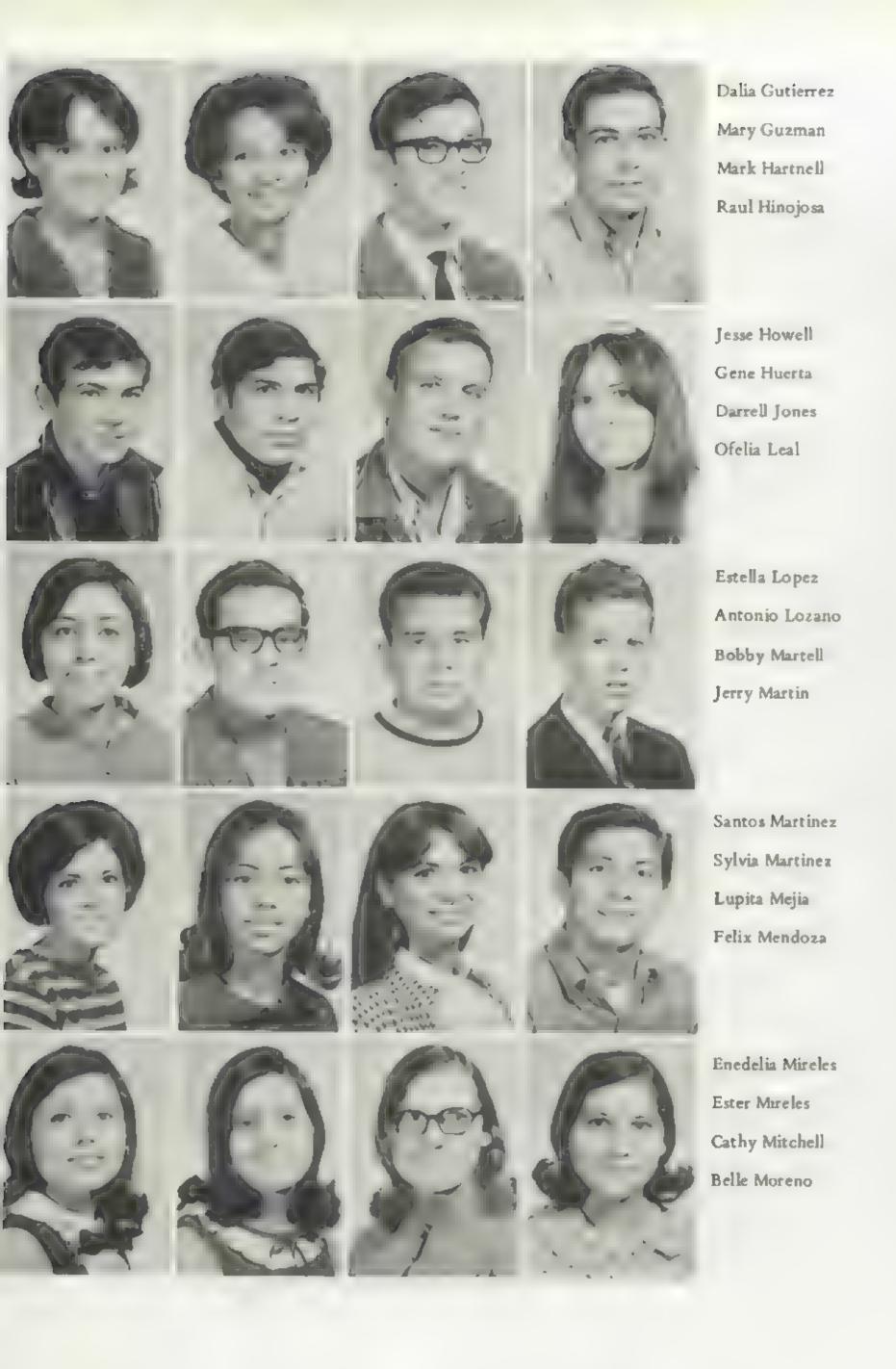
Mary Garcia

rıa T. Garcia

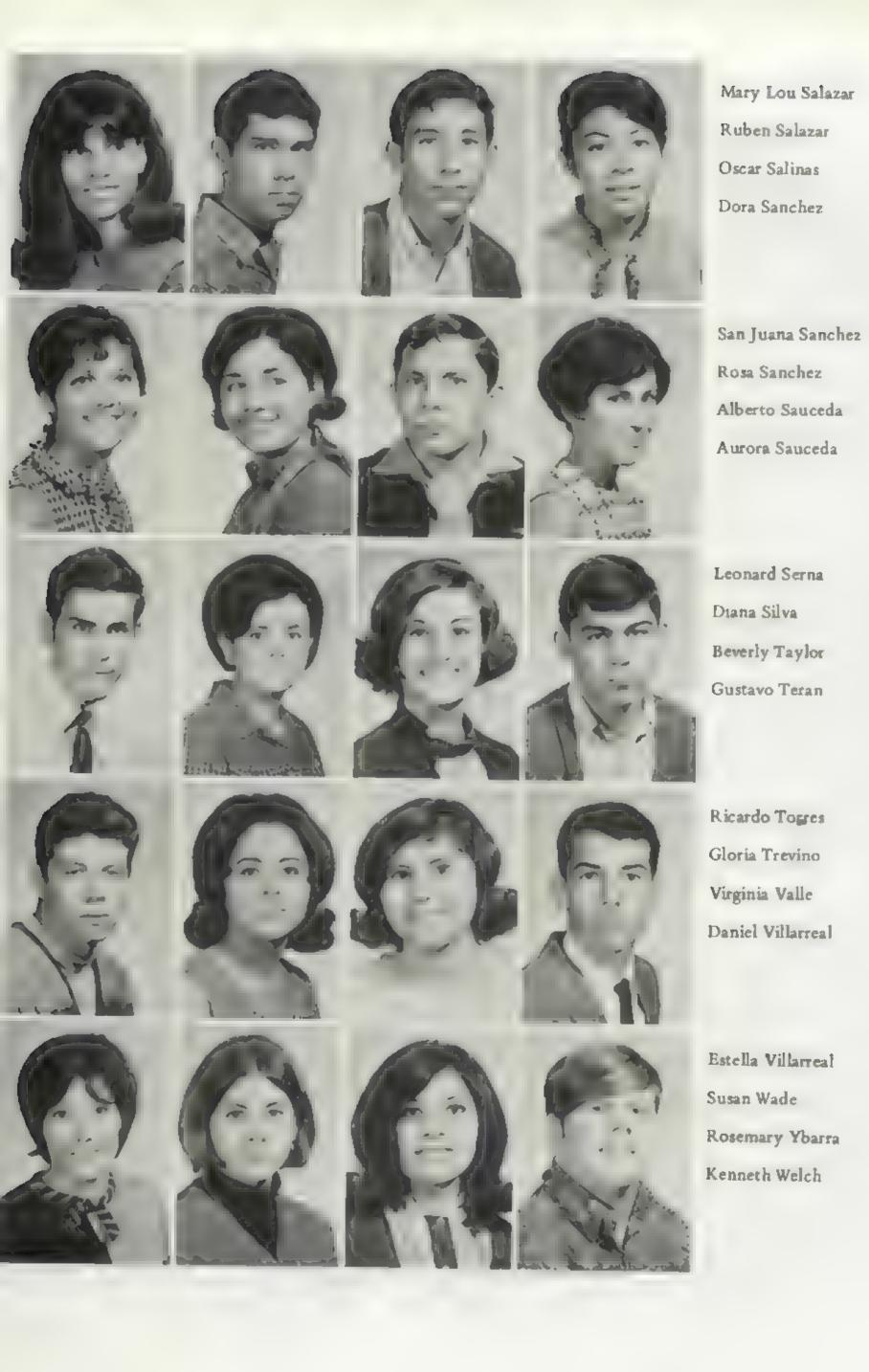
Nellie Mae Garcia

Junior class favorites are Irma Ortiz and Art Cowden.











Sophomore class officers are (standing 1 to r. Gary Schwarz, Pedro Aguilar, Eddie Torres, (Kneeling 1 to r) Beatriz de los Santos, Sandra Marroquin, and Ann Lauder.

President Eddie Torres
Vice President Pedro Aguilar
Secretary Sandra Marroquin
Reporter Ann Lauder
Treasurer
Parliamentarian

This year's sophomores have really shown their school spirit. They have done their best in everything. During football season the sophomores were awarded the title of Most Spirited Class of 1968-69. Their Halloween Carniv Queen Candidate, Ann Lauder, is this year's Carniv Queen. The Sophomore Class also holds the championship of the Annual Powder-puff Game against the other classes.



The Sophomore class sponsors are (1 to r): Mr. Fischer, Mr. Mendenhall, Mrs. Hatley, Mr. Lehman, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Russell, a Mr. Moore.

Sophomores Support Halloween Queen



Eddie and Ann smile over Ann's victory as Halloween Queen.



Class of '71





Gloria Chapa



David Closner



Enrique Curiel



Rosa Diaz



James Downing



Candy Escobar



Ernest Fernandez



Ester Fernandez



Elizabet h Flores



Emilio Flores



San Juanita Flores



Silverio Galaviz



Juan Pablo Gallaga



Nellie Galvan



Javier Galvan



Alma Garces



Adalberto Garcia



Gloria Garcia



Матю Garcia



Raul Garcia



San Juanita Garcia



Dalia Garza



Jaime Garza



Mary Ann Garza



Nor ma Garza



Janie Gomez



Anna Gonzalez



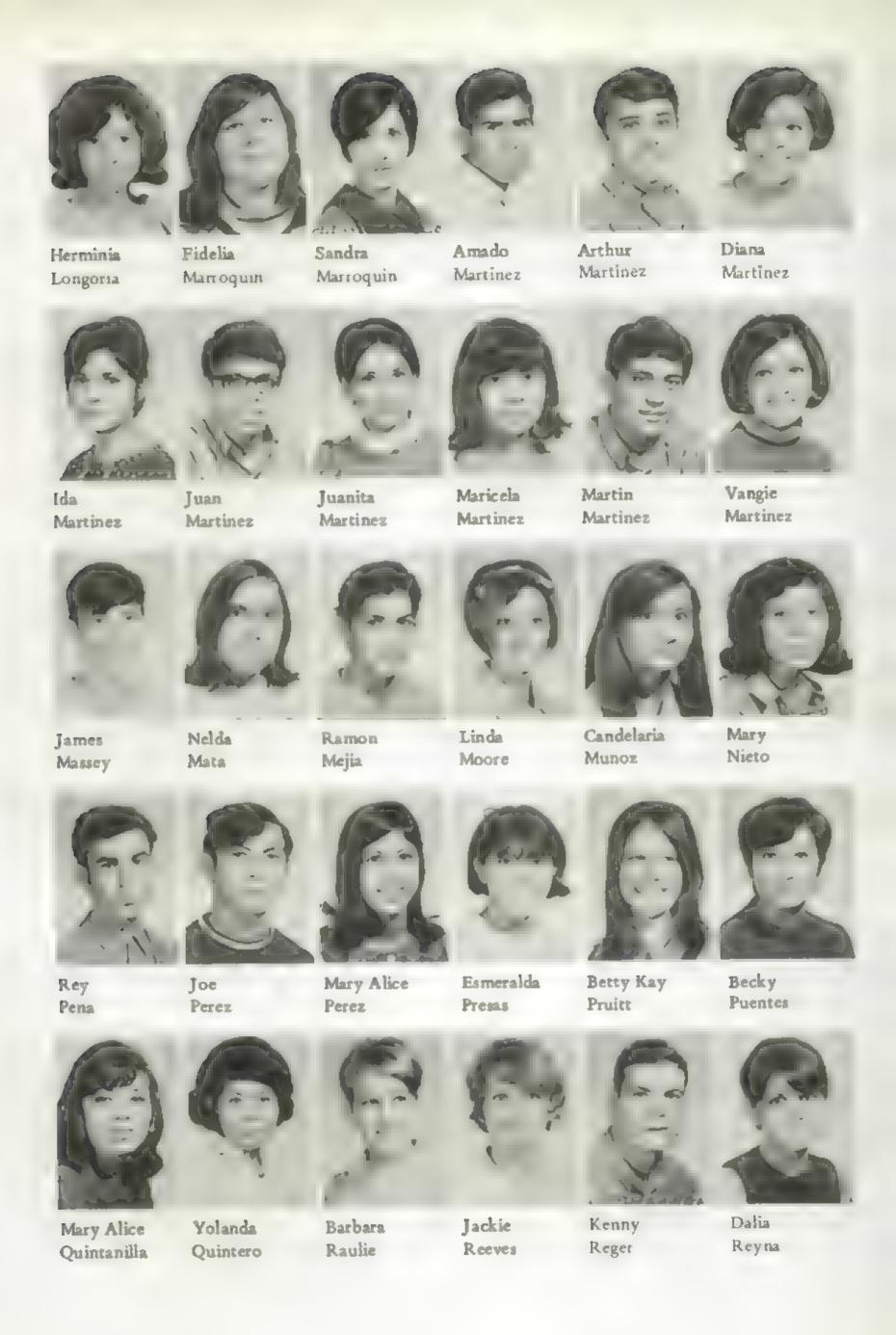
Dennis S. Gonzalez



Jacinto Gonzalez



Mrs. Atteberry's math class shows enthusiam for learning.





Oustanding Sophomores chose Rosie Garza and Manuel Hernandez as their 1968-1969 Class Favorites.

Freshmen Class



Freshmen Class Sponsors are (1 to r) Mr. Downing, Mr Murphy, Mrs. Betancourt, Mrs. Brace, Mrs. Dubisson, Mr. Hernandez, and Mr. Chism.



Freshmen class officers are (seated) Diana Salinas secretary, Rosalie Broughton President, Linda Schwarz treasurer, (standing) Hilda Hernandez reporter, Nelda Alicia Garcia parliamentarian, and Josie Perez vice-president.

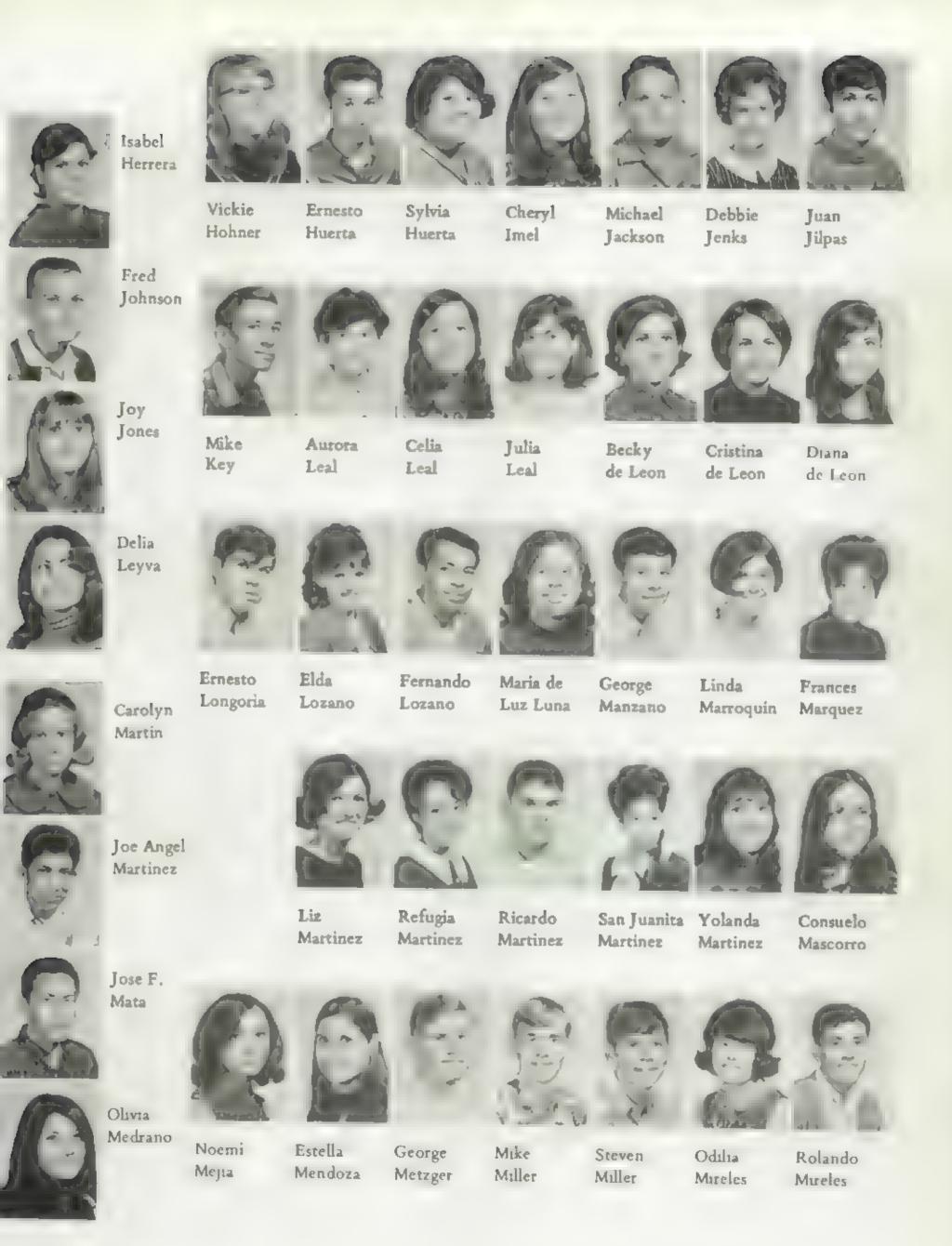
For the Freshmen, 1968-1969 was a Wonderful Year of adventure. Although they wore the typical first year puzzled expression for a few days, they seemed to have managed just fine.

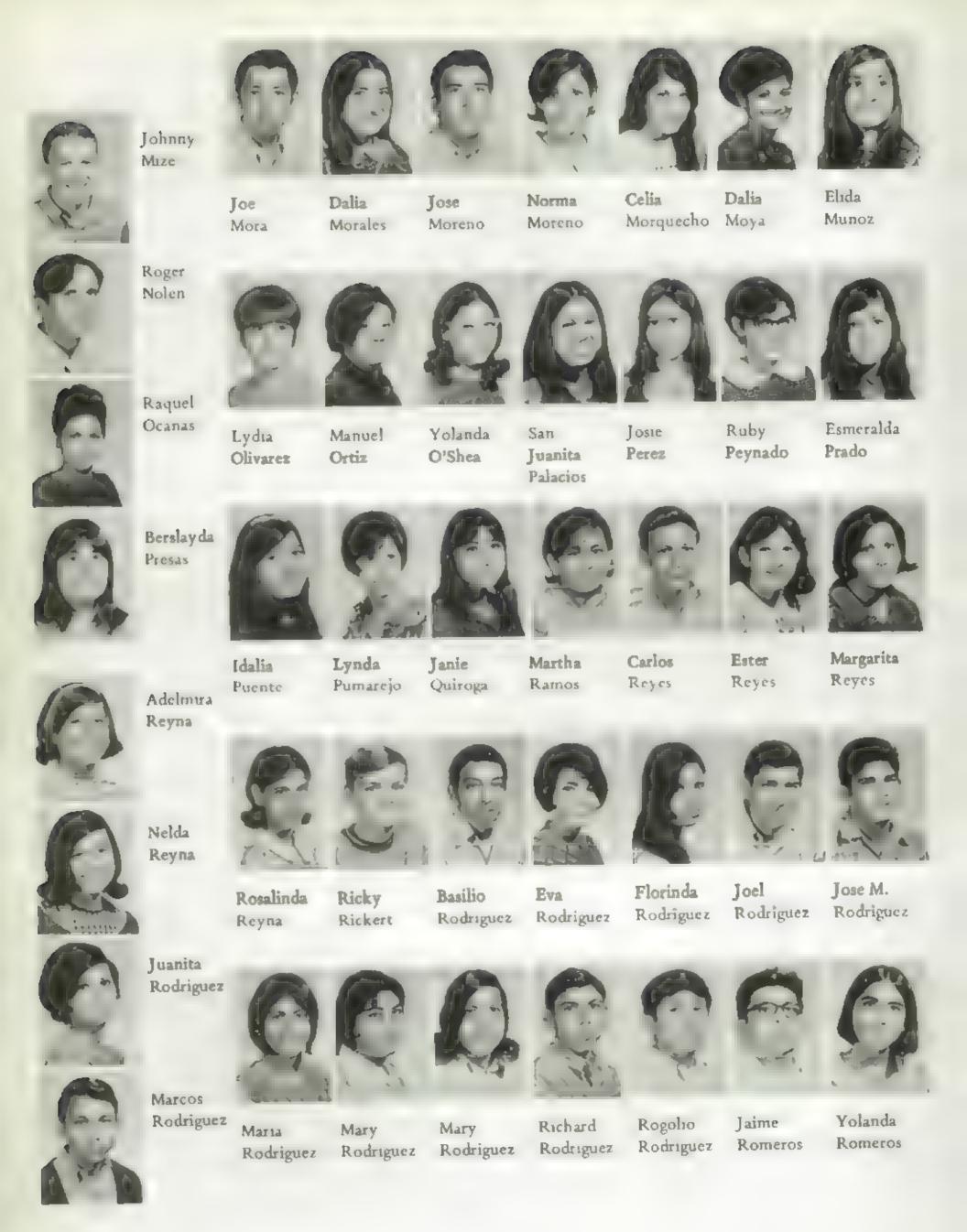
The abundance of class school spirit was reflected in their every action.

The eagerness to work and earn recognition was revealed when they volunteered to help the March of Dimes and their Carnival Queen candidate.













Tigers-1968-1969





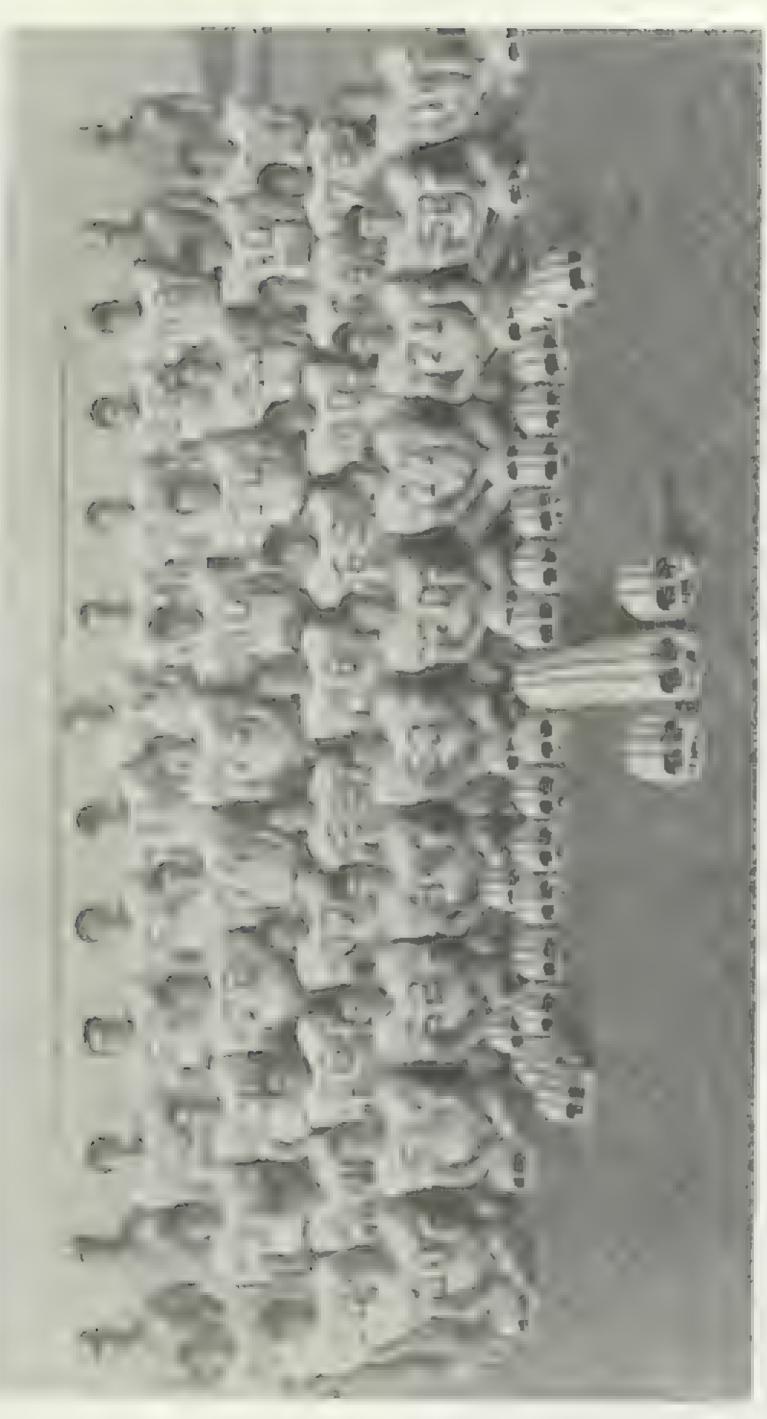
Juan Garcia (22) drives for yardage against the Weslaco Panthers TIGERS in the background are Pete Garcia (65), Jo Cano (80), and Art Cowden (75)

STATISTICS for 1968-1969

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	15	Raymondville7
	6	Falfurrias29
		Rio Grande
		City 16
Mercedes		Donna23

Mr. Dale Hatley Head Coach





Conrado Ramos. (third row) Horace Vega. Amadeo Cadena. Walter Howell. Edelmiro Briseno. George Metzger, Art Cowden, Joe Cano. Bobby Martell. Robert de los Santos, Eddie Torres, Manuel Hernandez (back row, Coach Tom Villarreal, Coach Robert Fernandez, Richard Torres, Arnoldo Flores, Antonio Cano, Jack Lyons, David Hovda, Greenwood, (second row) Primitivo Campos, Amado Martinez, Oliver Closner, Pedro Garza, Juan Garcia, Homer Closner, Pedro Garcia, Teodoro Tanguma, Bobby Key, First row: Robert Miller, Mark Van Berg, Lupe Ortiz, Adolfo Garza, Humberto Camacho, Joe H. Gonzalez, Pedro Aguilar, Robert Hunter, Emilio Flores, Jinimy Larry Schwarz, Gary Schwarz, Isidro Robles, Tirso Garza, Coach Carl Moore, Coach Dale Hatley



Tri-captains for the 1968-69 football season were (l to r) Isidro Robles, Walter Howell, and Larry Schwarz.



Edelmiro Briseno Tackle

Senior Lettermen for 1968-69

End

Adolfo Garza



Arnoldo Flores Guard



David Hovda Back



Pedro Garza End



Larry Schwarz Center



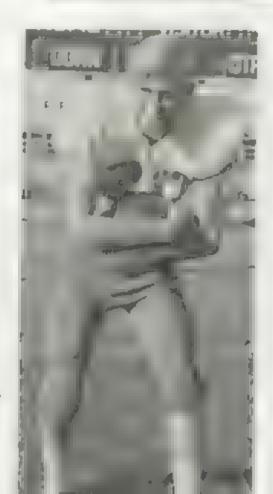
Isidro Robles End



Lupe Ortiz Guard



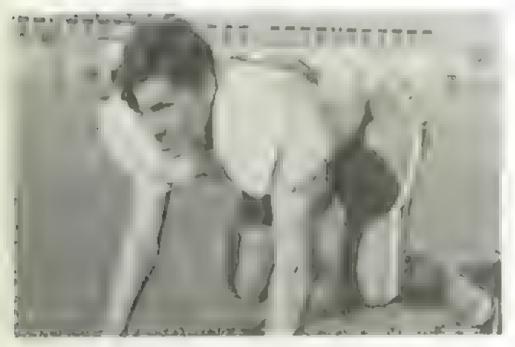
Walter Howell Back



Robert Miller Back



Teodoro Tanguma (40) completes a perfect pass by Jack Lyons at the Mercedes Los Fresnos Game



Pete Garcia Guard

Richard Torres Back



Robert de los Santos Center



Bobby Martell Tackle



Jimmy Greenwood Back





Joe Gonzalez Tackle

Tirso Garza End



Teodoro Tanguma Back



Oliver Closner Guard



Mark Van Berg Center

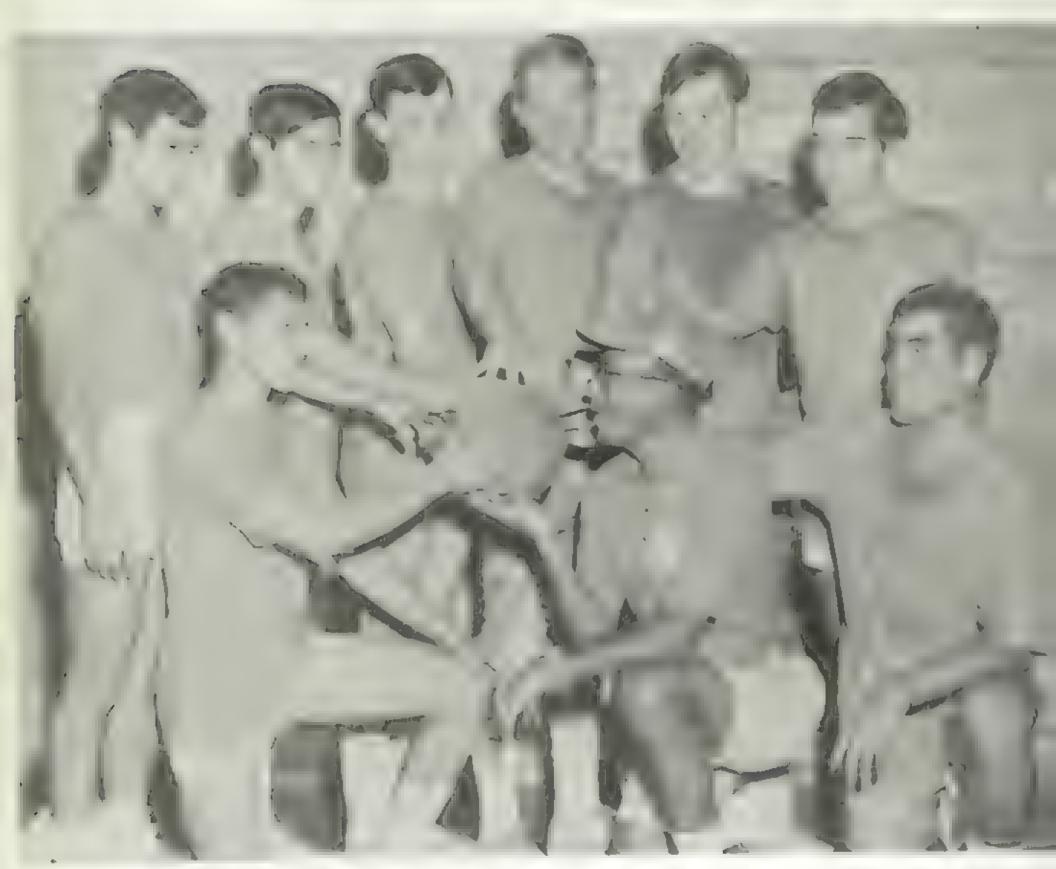
Jack Lyons Back



Amadeo Cadena Back



Basketball—1968-1969



The 1968-69 Basketball members are (kneeling l to r). Robert de los Santos, Coach Estrada, Ted Tanguma. (standing) Members and Hernandez, Eddie Torres, Jack Lyons, David Hovda, Art Cowden, and Adolfo Garza.

Jack Lyons jumps to pass the basketball to Eddie Torres (21).



The 1968-69 Tiger Basketball Team was coached by Alex Estrada, who was also assistant junior high football coach. The Tigers had all but two returning lettermen. Lettermen Jack Lyons, Teodoro Tanguma, and Eddie Torres were back to lead the Tigers to a good season.



Adolfo Garza Guard



Eduardo Torres Forward



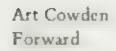
Manuel Hernandez Guard

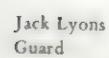


Ramiro Yanez Forward



Teodoro Tanguma Guard









Track 1969—The First Annual Queen City Relay Meets



The Mercedes Track Team takes time to relax during the relay meets.



That extra spurt of energy could mean the difference between coming in first or last.

The 1968-69 Track Team was coached by Rober Fernandez. For the first time, Mercedes was host to track meet. The First Annual Queen City Relay Meet were held at Tiger Stadium on March 1st. During th Queen City Relays, Mercedes took first place in the freshmen, junior, and 7th grade division.

Also taking place during the Queen City Relays was the crowning of a Track Queen. Cindy Champion was the year's Track Queen.



Running was one of the events held at the meets.



The coaches prepare for the high jump.

Baseball-1968-1969



Members of the Baseball Team are (kneeling 1 to t). Horace Vega, Mike Garcia, Ruben Salazar, Jimmy Greenwood, and Tito Cadena. (standing) Rudy Mora, Joe Salas Mike Marroquin, Rolando Sanchez, Joe Barbosa, Jesse Howell, and Coach Villarreal.



Baseball captains Joe Barbosa and Rudy Mora named Barbara Harris the 1969 Baseball Sweetheart and Mrs. Greenwood the Most Loyal Fan.

The Mercedes Baseball Team, consisting of only juniors and seniors, was coached by Tom Villarreal. The team practiced in the baseball field on good days, and in the old gym on bad days.

At the last home game, the Tigers named Barbara Harris the 1969 Baseball Sweetheart. Mrs. Greenwood was named the most loyal fan.

Captains for the 1969 season were Joe Barbosa and Rudy Mora.



Ben Garcia is the team captain for the 1968 69 Tennis Team,



Semot Division members are (kneeling l to r) Nelda Garcia, Rosie Garza, Ann Lauder, Pat Harville, (standing) Ben Garcia, Scott Sparrow, and James Patterson.



Junior Division members are (l to r) Marianne Spatrow, Mary Beth Tankersley, Ricky Yanez, and Stephen Canty.

The 1968-69 Tennis Team worked hard all season to prepare themselves for the 1969 UIL Tennis Meet. Mr. Natho did an excellent job of coaching the team, and they came close to walking away with the UIL District Championship.



Mr. Natho is the Tennis Coach.

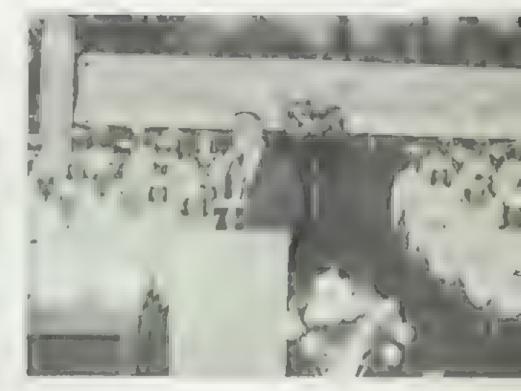
From the Files of the Bengal

















The 1968-69 Feature Contest Winners



Most Versatile Gilsie Knapp Horace Vega

Most Energetic Veronica Galvan

Most Athletic Adolfo Garza









Most Creative
Elva Quiroga
and
Johnny Flores

Most Intellectual

Myrthala Dominguez

and

Jesse Gonzalez





Typical Teens
Sandra Champion
and
Robert Gonzalez

Most Likely to Succeed
Josefina Avila
and
Arnoldo Flores





Most Witty
Mari Lozano
and
Rene Cortez

Best School Spirit
Esperanza Longoria
and
David Howell





Most Dependable Teresa Hoverson and Pedro Garza

Most Courteous Cande Ramirez and Joe Jilpas







Carnival Queen

Ann Lauder









Track Queen-Cindy Champion



Baseball Queen-Barbara Harris



Key Heart-Sandra Champion



DECA Sweetheart-Rosa Garcia



Future Teachers Plan Careers



FIA officers are front row (1 to r) Mary Gloria Lopez secretary, Esther Sanchez president, Myrthala Dominguez vice president (back ow) Belle Moreno S. C. representative, Rosie Garza reporter, Karen Diehl parliamentarian and Anita Pequeno treasurer

Future Teachers of America is an organization composed of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. All members must have a B average and have the desire to become teachers.

Each year this organization awards a scholarship to a worthy senior member, and elects a "Teacher of the Year." Guest speakers inform the students on different phases of the teaching profession and FTA members strive to achieve their purpose... to learn about teaching and maybe someday become successful teachers. This year's FTA sponsor is Miss Irene Garret.



TA members are front row (l to r) Anita Pequeno, Esther Sanchez, Miss Garret (Sponsor), Myrthala Dominguez, Karen Diehl. back row) Stephanie Dollery, Belle Moreno, Alma Banuelos, Maria Carreon, Antonia Chapa, Josefina Avila, Teodora Alaniz, osie Garza, Olga Martinez, Emma Flores, Linda Wisner, Juanita Garcia, Mary Gloria Lopez.

Student Council Builds Civic Leaders



Members of the Student Council are (front row l to r). Gloria Trevino, Mildred Rios, Myrthala Dominguez, Maria Elena Longoria Belle Moreno, Josefina Avila, Maggie Carreon, Ofelia Salazar, Herlinda Rubio. Alicia Garza, Veronica Galvan, Ruth Ann Crensha, and Toni Chapa. (second row) Susan Swarner, Esther Sanchez, Marianne Spatrow, Marian Wade, Nancy Green, Sylvia Presa Nelda Garcia, Matia Carreon, Becky de Leon, Josie Perez, Marianne Garcia, Cindy Champion and Olivia Padilla. (third row) Bet Ferguson, Lynda Moore, Betty Sisk, Nora Stewart, Ann Lauder, Bobbie K. Jones, Beth Herndon, Irma Ortiz, Winter Deru Barbie Anderson, Vickie Wade, Gilsie Knapp, Theresa Hoverson, Mary Canty, Barbara Harris, David Hovda, Arnoldo Flore Robert Miller, Trent Taylor, Mark Hartnell, and Gene Billings. Back row. Mr. Churchill (sponsor), Mr. Jones (sponsor), Stidne Gonzalez, Jesus Gonzalez, and Jacinto Gonzalez.



The Student Council Assembly proved to be very exciting. Students demonstrated to support the candidate of their choice.

Student Council is an organization made up of the presidents of all clubs and representatives elected in the homerooms. The purpose of the Association is to promote the general welfare of school activities through the responsible participation of all members.

The Student Council meets every Friday to discus important business. They sponsor victory dances durin football season, and actively participate in Student Council and Youth Conferences throughout the year.

This year the Student Council worked to improve MHS
by striving to put into action the voice of the student body

Election Campaigns Stimulate Interest



Note For Betty to get Your Parking Lot Ready! This was one of the logans used in the campaign for Student Council President. MHS tudents took an active part in the elections.



Students demonstrate for Ann in the campaign assembly. What's so interesting over there?



President	Josie Avila
Vice-President .	Ruth Ann Crenshaw
Secretary	Bobby Kay Jones (Rec.)
Corres. Sec	· · · · · · · · Veronica Galvan
Reporter	Betti Sisk
Parliamentarian	Mark Hartnell

ZES Displays Leadership and Scholarship



ZES members are (1 to 1). Ofena Salazar, Josie Avila, Esther Sanchez, Ruth Ann Crenshaw, Mrs. Lauder (sponsor), Barbara Harri Beth Herndon, Ann Lauder, Betty Sisk, and Susan Dillon.



Zeta Eta Sigma is an honorary girls' organization Members must have at least a 90 average and must have qualities of leadership in their home, school and community. The annual project of Zeta Eta Sigma is the selling of mums during homecoming. This year Esther Sanches sold the most mums and was honored with a free mum.

ZES also hold an annual coke party to initiate and welcome new members into the club.

This year the ZES sponsor was Mrs. Jean Lauder.

ZES members selected Larry Schwarz for their 1969 sweetheart.



ZES officers for 1969 are:													
President					4		,						Ruth Crenshaw
Vice Presid	de	n.i	t	ņ			4	ı.		4		e	, Ofelia Salazar
Secretary	a	-	ı		n						h	n	Susan Dillon
Treasurer	4	ė	á			п.					q	ı	Esther Sanchez
S.C. Repre	se	n	ta	ıţ	įv	e		ı	,	í		į.	Ann Lauder



Mrs. Lauder is shown while attending a typical ZES meeting.



Esther Sanchez sold the most mums during the annual ZES homecoming mum sale.

NHS Excells in Scholarship, Leadership and Ability



NHS officers are front row (I to r). Betty Sisk reporter, Kandyce Lugg secretary (back row) Paul Cotter parliamentarian, Larry Schwarz president, Jimmy Greenwood treasurer, Ben Garcia vice president, and Trent Taylor S.C. representative.

The National Honor Society was established to honor outstanding high school students and has accomplished its purpose of bringing them to the attention of their classmates, their parents, their community and the colleges which they plan to attend

The object of all chapters of NHS is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encour age the development of character in students.

The emblem of this organization is the keystone and flaming torch. At the base of the keystone appear the letters C.S.L.S which represent the four chief principals of the society: Character, Scholarship, Leader ship, and Service. The flaming torch is the emblem of the purposes: "to bear forward the searching light of truth, to lead so the others may follow in the light, to keep burning in our school high ambition for the enduring value of life and to serve in the consideration of others."



The intelligent members of NHS are (front row l to r). Veronica Galvan, Sylvia Garces, Josefina Avila, Elvia Basaldua, Sylvia Presas, Susan Dillon, Esther Sanchez, Ruth Ann Crenshaw, Maureen Hager, Betty Sisk, Kandyce Lugg. (Back row) Arnoldo Flore Larry Schwarz, Mark Van Berg, Jimmy Greenwood, Oscar Salinas, Ben Garcia, Jesse Howell, Trent Taylor, Paul Cotter, Robe

Beta Gamma Phi . . . a New Organization in MHS

Beta Gamma Phi was formally organized this year by Richard Lehman. Its purpose is to provide interesting scientific activities for its members and to promote scientific interest within the school.

The 1969 Mercedes Science Fair is a result of Beta Gamma Phi's efforts. Being the first year the fair was run by the club, it showed a tremendous improvement in appearance and the quality of the projects.

At this rate, it appears that Mercedes will soon be known for its scientific achievements and ability.



Officers for Beta Gamma Phi are (1 to r): Mark Hartnell President, Kenneth Jones Vice President, and Brad Jones Secretary-Treasurer.



Members of the newly organized Science Club are (front row l to r). Trent Taylor, Rene Cortez, Paul Cotter, San Juanita Perez, Gloria Perez, Barbara Raulie, Bobbie Kaye Jones, Mr. Richard Lehman (sponsor), Maureen Hager, Alma Banuelos, Ofelia Salazar, Anita Pequeno. (Second row) Kenneth Jones, Gene Billings, Mark Hartnell, Mark Vanberg, Raul Cantu, Adolfo Perez, Brad Jones, and Eddie Ervin.

Pan American Student Forum



Members of the Pan American Student Forum are (seated l to r). Mary Garcia, Sylvia Garces, Josie Avila, Maria Guadalupe de Fuente, Herlinda Rubio, Elvia Basaldua, San Juana Campos, Obeth Rodriguez, standing) Mrs. Betancourt (sponsor), Cane Ramirez, Ruth Ann Crenshaw, Jesse Gonzalez, Ruben Salazar, Rolando Gonzalez, Raul Cantu, Joe Jilpas, and Rogelio Arguelle



The Pan American Student Forum is a newl formed organization at MHS this year.

All members must be students taking Spanish I, or III with a 90 or above average.

PASF was one of the most active clubs at MH. They held a carnation sale in February which prove to be very successful. At the Christmas assembly the presented Las Posadas. They portrayed Mary and Joseph and all the Shepherds and wisemen. They als sang Christmas carols in Spanish and made the Christmas assembly enjoyable to students and facultialike.

To wind up their string of activities, the membe of PASF held a picnic at Pendleton Park in Harlinge

PASF sweethearts for 1969 are Mary Garcia and Joe Jilpas.



First Annual PASF Carnation Sale



reshman Sylvia Trevino waits her turn to pick up her carnation om these hard-working PASF members.

carnation sale.

Odilia Mireles receives a free carnation from Mrs. Betancourt for having sold the most carnations in the 1st annual



Y Teen members are (front row I to r) Brenda Brothers, Mary Lou Verduzco, Gloria Garcia, Nolda Garza, Gloria Chapa, Liz Soto, Maureen Hager, Kathy Canty, Stephanie Dollery, Pam Powers, Mary Canty, Kandyce Lugg, (Middle row) Beverly Taylor, Barbi Anderson, Alicia Villarreal, San Juanita Gonzalez, Demse Gonzalez, Mary Alice Daniels, Minnie Daniels, Ann Lauder, Beth Herndon, Bobbie Kay Jones, Colma Lentz, Elizabeth Flores, Diana Wardlow, Marilyn Basinger, Gloria Perez, Susan Swarner, Lynda Moore, Gretchen Hovda, Back row, Mrs. Kathyrn Churchill (sponsor), Kathy Mitchell, Isabel Garza, Chris Ann Bray, Blanche Franklin, Sharon Whitner, Obeth Rodriguez, Cherly Riley, Gilsic Knapp, Winter Derus, Vicky Wade, Pat Harville, Barbara Harris, Nancy Swain, Theresa Hoverson, Ruth Ann Crenshaw, Karen Diehl, Sally Twenhaufel, Betty Kaye Pruitt, Susan Dillon, and Karen Brewer.



Y-Teen officers are (seated i to r): Maureen Hager vice president, Mary Canty S. C. Representative, Brenda Brothers Corr. Sec., Vicky Wade President, Kathy Mitchell historian, Beverly Taylor reporter, Denise Gonzalez worship chairman, Nancy Swain treasurer. Susan Dillon song leader, Marilyn Basinger historian, and Bobby Kayes Jones recording secretary.

Y-Teens is a service organization sponsored by the YWCA, an international organization, for girls in the upper grades of high school. Members are kept busy during the year with various projects. Some of these projects are ushering at football games, running a marriage booth at the Halloween carnival, decorating the Christmas Tree and caroling in the hall. They honor their senior members with a slumber party at the end of the year. Y-Teens' main objective is to serve their school and community.



Y-Teen Sweetheart for 1969 is Larry Schwarz.

Thespians Take Interest in Acting



hespian members are (front row I to r) Mildred Rios, Alicia Garza, Rosa Garcia, Linda Wisner, Jame Sanchez, Sandra hampion, Mary Lozano, Rosie Garza Blanca Vasquez, Gloria Garcia, Mary Elizabeth Soto (middle row) Becky Rodriguez, Judy olis, San Juanita Gonzalez, Elvia Guerra, Ofelia Salazar, Vangie Martinez, Linda Marroquin, Sylvia Hinojosa, Sylvia Garces, heodora Alaniz, Gloria Chapa (back row) Bobbie K Jones, Colma Lentz, Theresa Hoverson, Cherly Riley, Nancy Swain, Karen iehl, Mark VanBerg, Brad Jones, Denise Gonzalez, Marilyn Basinger, Beth Ferguson, Mary Canty, Maureen Hager, Nolda Garza, lary Ann Garcia, Gilsie Knapp, and Mrs. Dubisson (sponsor).

Thespians is an organization affiliated with the ational Thespians and consists of students of all asses who are interested in public speaking or ama. Mrs. Lucy Dubisson was this year's sponsor. Activities include presentation of plays each year ad participation in UIL speech and drama events.



Thespian officers are Sandra Champion, reporter, Cherly Riley, Rec. Secretary, Rosie Garza, Parliamentarian, Theresa Hoverson, President; Maureen Hager, treasurer; Rosa Garcia, Corres. Secretary; Mary Ann Garcia, S.C. Representative; Becky Rodriguez, Vice-President.

Future Homemakers of America



FHA Chapter I members are (seated left to right) Maggie Carreon, Cande Ramirez, Esther Sanchez, Maria Carreon, Elvia Guerra Veronica Galvan. (standing) Mrs. Brace (sponsor), Denise Gonzalez, Maria Flores, Lynda Moore, Maria Guzman, Herlinda Rubio Sandra Gatcia, Gloria Garcia, Hortencia Carreon, Cindy Champion, Isabel Garza, Cherly Riley, Alma Banuelos, Nellie Garcia, Irm Ortiz, Anita Pequeno, Brenda Barrera, Lupita Mejia, Gloria Gorena, Carmen Castaneda, and Angie Rivera.



Officers of the Future Homemakers of America are (l to r): Maggie Carreon 1st. Vice-Pres., Herlinda Rubio Treasurer, Lynda Moore 5th Vice-Pres., Maria Carreon President, Veronica Galvan 2nd vice-Pres., Maria Ramirez 3rd Vice-Pres., Elvia Guerra Recording Sec., and Esther Sanchez 4th Vice-Pres.

Future Homemakers of America is an organization made up of girls enrolled in Homemaking, who have desire to become better wives, mothers, and homemakers. This year FHA was active in school ar community functions. During FHA Week, the strived to better themselves and their surrounding Because of their efforts, they have built up a excellent name for themselves and for MHS.



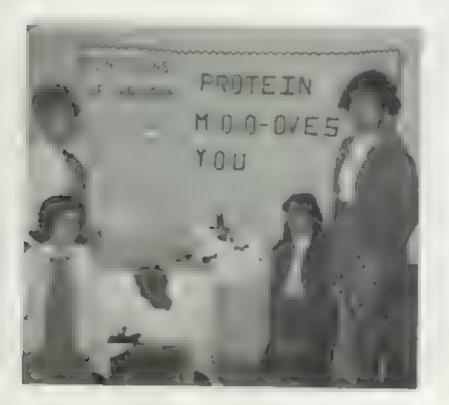
FHA Chapter I and II sweethearts are Joe Jilpas an Emilio Ybarra, respectively.



FHA Chapter II members are (seated I to r) Vangie Martinez, Diana Salinas, Mary Lou Salinas, Imelda Gonzales, America Contreras, Kathy Severson (standing) Augustina Garcia, Maricelia Martinez, Rosa Contreras, Nelda Nora Garcia, Elida Trevino, Isabel Herrera, Norma Moreno, Hilda Ybarra, Estella de los Santos, Josic Perez, Dalia Estrada, Ester Gonzalez, Eva Rodriguez, Bertha Vento, Consuelo Martinez, Teresa Duran, Dora de los Santos, Martha Solis, Cheryl Imel, and Linda Marroquin.



HA members are pictured with Mayor Adan Cantuefore their campaign to clean up down-town Mercedes. his was one of the many projects held during FHA Week.



Officers of FHA Chapter II are Cheryl Imel reporter, Linda Marroquin treasurer, Diana Salinas secretary, Kathy Severson 1st. Vice Pres., America Contreras 3rd Vice-Pres., Vangie Martinez 2nd Vice-Pres., Dora de los Santos 4th Vice-Pres., Imelda Gonzalez 5th Vice-Pres., and Mary Lou Salinas President.

Gloria Gorena, Isabel Garza, Lupita Mejia and Sandra Garcia are shown with the FHA Livestock Show project which received 3rd. place.

FBLA Promotes Interest in Careers



FBI A officers are (1 to r), Maggie Carreon reporter, Mary Lozano secretary, Janie Guajardo vice-president, and Herlinda Rubio President.

The Future Business Leaders of America is an organization that was formed to promote abetter understanding of the business work among students and to stimulate their interest along these lines. Those who have chosen some phase of this field as a profession are especially encouraged to join and find out more about the ever-expanding and exciting careers offered.



FBLA members are (seated l to r). Magne Carreon, Mary Lozano, Herlinda Rubio and Janie Guajardo. (standing second row) S. Juanita Garcia, Elvia Guerra, Myrathala Dominguez, Mildred Rios, Rosie Garza, Janie Sanenez, Rosa Garcia, Linda Wisner, Cini Champion, and Mr. Petross (sponsor) (third row) Maria Vidales. Maria Carreon, Olga Martinez, Emma Flores, Mary Gloria Lope Sylvia Solis, Lucy Sanchez, and Sandra Champion.

Key Club Promotes Scholarship



Key Club officers are (kneeling) Art Cowden President, Arnoldo Flores Vice President David Hovda S. C. Representative, Jack Lyons Treasurer, and Mark VanBerg secretary.

Key Club is an international organization made up of boys from the upper three grades in high school. Various projects for the year include their annual banquet, conventions, and an annual bonfire.



Key Club sweethearts are Sandra Champion, Key Heart; Cindy Champion, Junior class duchess; Lynda Moore, Sophomore class duchess; and Marianne Sparrow, Freshman class duchess.



key Club members are (kneeling I to r). George Metzger, Kenneth Jones, Jimmy Greenwood, Gene Billings, Jack Lyons, Brad ones, Paul Cotter, Robert Miller, and David Hovda. (back row) Jimmy Reger, Arnoldo Flores, Art Cowden, Mark VanBerg, Mark Iartnell, Edelmiro Briseno, Jesse Gonzalez, Trent Taylor and Oscar Garcia.

Le Petit Journal Masters French



Members of the staff of Le Petit Journal are seated Lto r. Mary Lou Verduzco. San Juanita Flores, Delia Gutierrez, Mary Alic Daniels, Rosalinda Gonzales. back row) Mrs. Baingo (sponsor), Sidney Gonzalez, Jimmy Downing, Sylvia Silva, Sylvia Berna Jacinto Gonzalez, Leonard Serna, Johnny Martinez, Larty Malian, and Ronnie Pena.



Mrs. Mary Alice Baingo is the French teacher in MHS and the Le Petit Journal sponsor.

French students work together, combine their talents, and publish a French newspaper every month. This is Le Petit Journal.

The Journal contains editorials, special features, comics, gossip sections and dedications.

These French students are exceptional students in this foreign language and gain a broader French vocabulary while putting their paper together.

This year the editor of Le Petit Journal was Sidney Gonzalez.

La Lengua Staff Publishes Spanish Newspaper



a Lengua Staff consists of (seated 1 to 1). Mary Garcia, Celia Perez, Irene Aguilar, Cande Ramirez, Obeth Rodriguez, Herlinda jubio. (back row, Ruben Salazar, Lucy Sanchez, Nestor Perez, Mrs. Goza. sponsor,, Joe Jilpas, and Betty de la Cerda.

La Lengua Staff members are students of Spanish Who are under the leadership of Mrs. Goldsby oza, Spanish teacher. The staff works during their panish class period and publishes their Spanish ewspaper, La Lengua, every month.

The publication contains editorials, gossip columns and dedications which are of great interest to readers, hese Spanish IV students work hard and are receptionally talented Spanish students.



Here, the staff poses after completing their last edition of La Lengua.

DE Trains Students in Business Education



DE students are (seated 1 to r). Princella Villarreal, Jamie Guajardo, Mary Guzman, Maria Rodriguez, Olga Rocha, Socori Palomo, Elma Guajardo, Minnie Reyna, Elia Sauceda, Eliza Ayala (back row Feliciano Cuadra, Claudio Garcia, Arturo Manzan-Baldemar Vento, Armando Anciso, Minnie Damels Cheryl Riley, Becky Rodriguez, Maria Ortiz, Ester Trevino, Jamie Guajard Irene Lopez, Rene Cortez, Albert Frevino, Gilbert Flores, Gilbert Pina, Albert Lopez, and Arnoldo Campos



Rosa Garcia was selected the 1968-69 DECA sweetheart.

Distributive Education is a special program of MHS. The purpose of DE is to train students in the field of business education. These students attend DE class in the morning and receive on-the-jo training in the afternoon by working at one of the downtown places of business. During their morning class the students are taught about wholesaling retailing, and service selling along with learning ho to act as adults in a business situation.

This year DE sponsored a joint banquet with VO.
Rosa Garcia was elected sweetheart.



DECA officers are Princella Villarreal reporter, Janie Guajardo president, Rosie Guajardo vice president, and Irene Lopez secretary.



DECA held their annual joint banquet with VOE.

VOE Students Train for Office Work



VOE members are (seated l to r) Ramiro Salinas, Tonie Chapa, Idolinda Gomez, Kandyce Lugg, Maria Vidales, Teresa Contrera Mildred Rios, Marie Champion, Alma Marroquin, Mary Canty. (back row) Humberto Camacho, Winter Derus, Sandra Champion Gilsie Knapp, Bertha Contreras, San Juana Salazar, Mary Garza, Maria Garcia, Diana Silva, Rosemary Ybarra, Sylvia Garces, Teres Salas, Arminda Palacios, Benita Trevino, Elvia Basaldua, Nancy Swain, Linda Wisner, Myrthala Dominguez, Maria Flores, Saluanita Munoz, Joe Rodriguez, and Mrs. Regan (sponsor).



Mrs. Reagan is this year's VOE sponsor.

Vocational Office Education is an apprentice-type progra in which students are given the opportunity to learn office work and administration.

Students participating in this program are provided a jowhere they work for a minimum number of hours a week.

The VOE students were ambitious and also became ver fond of their hard working sponsor, Mrs. Reagan.



VOE officer are (seated l to r) Marie Champion reporter, Mildred Rios S C Representative, Myrthala Dominguez parliamentarian, Maria Vidales recording secretary, Humberto Camacho treasurer, Winter Derus President, Sandra Champion Corres. Secretary, Rosemary Ybarra vice president, and Teresa Salas historian.



DE sweethearts for 1968-69 are San Juanita Munoz and Joe VOE and DECA students held their annual Employer odriguez.



Banquet at Travis Cafeteria.

Future Farmers of America



FFA underclassmen are (front row l to t) Javier Cuadra Rudy Lopez, Gilbert Cansino, Jimmy Smith, Raul Hinojosa, Albert Sauceda Mike Key, Rogelio Arguelles, Johnny Wade, Ruth Ann Crenshaw (sweetheart), Howard Wade, Ernesto Lopez Emilio Ybarra Roy Gonzalez, Sammy Rodriguez, Joe Ramos, Ralph Cavazos, Robert Gonzales (back row) Leonard Garcia Arnold de los Santos, Matias Perez, Johnny Guerrero, Ramiro Yanez, Feliberto Castellanos, Joel Yanez, George Manzane Robert Benavidez, Heriberto Garza, Daniel Teran, Eloy Presas, Daniel Casas, Raymond Mejia, Marcelino Rangel, Davia Closner, Steven Mejia, Roy Rodriguez, David Villarreal, Carlos Sauceda, James Massey, Joe Rickert, Oscar Closner, Darwi Harrison, Tommy Swain, Rudy Badillo, Joe Perez, and Tomas Curiel.



Congratulations are in order for Hubert Rhodes, MHS student, who won Reserve Grand Champion for his Cross Barrow at the Livestock Show last year. Shown are Mr. Dollery, the ag. teacher, Hubert, and Mr. Saldana, ag.



Members of the Grass Judging team which placed 1st. an 2nd. at the District Contest are Roy Rodriguez, Fredd Garza, Isidro Robles, Joe Luis Cavazos, and Enrique Enriquez.



FA officers are bottom row (I to r). Joe Luis Cavazos cretary, Joe Salas treasurer, Oscar Fernandez reporter, Kenny eger sentinel, Jimmy Wade chaplain, (top row) Roy Rodriguez esident, Irma and Ruth Ann sweethearts, and Johnny Wade ce president



Johnny Wade, Oscar Fernandez, and Kenny Reger proudly display the trophy which they won at the area chapter Farmer Farm Skill. They placed 1st. on their demonstration on the castration of hogs.

Future Farmers of America is a national organization open to boys taking vocational agriculture. Its colors are national blue and corn gold. This organization has participated in district, area, and state leadership contests; in district, area, and state judging contests and are, and state juding contests and area banquets, in the Donna Lamb Show; in the annual Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show by entering cattle, hogs, and chickens, and in putting on their annual Sun Valley Horse Show.

The Sweethearts this year are Ruth Ann Crenshaw, Blue Jean Queen Contestant, and Irma Ortiz, Cover Girl Contestant



FA upperclassmen are (front row l to t): Rene Garza, Robert Gomez, Bobby Martell Oscar Gonzalez, Ricky Torres, Roy odriguez Joe Cavazos Kenny Reger, Irma Ortiz (sweetheart), Oscar Fernandez, Jimmy Wade, Joe Salas, Bobby Van irkleo, Joe Gonzalez, Anastacio Leal, Elias Hernandez, Gregorio Reyes, Larry Bandemer, (back row) Horace Vega, imberto Cano, Rudy Rivera, Tirso Garza, Darrel Jones, Gilbert Pina, Juan Garcia, Joe Barbosa, Adan Estrada, Gilbert ores, Johnny Hernandez, Jaime de la Fuente Robert de los Santos. Rene Garcia, Enrique Enriquez, Baldemar Vento, Oscar alvan, Johnny Flores, Pedro Chacon, Antonio Sanchez Oliver Closner, Freddy Garza, and Antonio Cano.

M Association Consists of Lettermen



M Association consists of (front row l to 1) Art Cowden, Meme Hernandez, Brad Jones, Larry Schwarz, David Hovda, Tito Cadena, Robert de los Santos, Jesse Howell (back row) Walter Howell, Adolfo Garza, Jack Lyons, George Metzger, Joe Gonzalez, Lupe Ortiz Oliver Closner, Tito Garza, Arnoldo Flores, Juan Garcia, and Vicente Salas



M Association members are really working hard in the concession stand during the basketball tournament.



M Association officers are Walter Howell vice president, Larry Schwarz President, Arnoldo Flores Secretary Treasurer, and Art Cowden Reporter.



coach Dale Hatley was this year's M Association ponsor. Coach Hatley is a hard-working sponsor and a favorite among to MHS student body.

The M Assocation is a letterman's club and each letterman must be initiated and voted into the club. Each year the club sponsors the M Association basketball tournament in Mercedes. Trophies are awarded to the three top teams

This year the M Association hosted its first Queen City Relays here in Mercedes. Valley schools participated and the Mercedes 7th, 8th, and 9th placed first while the Varsity placed second.

The members of the M Association are our school leaders, and the club stresses team effort, school spirit and sportsmanship.

Bengal Staff Works to Put Out a Good Annual



1969 Bengal Staff members are (front row I to r, Cande Ramirez, Rosie Garza, Mari Lozano, Mildred Rios Sandt Champion (middle row) Cindy Champion, Elvia Guerra, Rosa Garcia, Maria Carreon (back row) Walter Howell, Chris An Bray, and Miss Ruth Robles (sponsor).



Miss Robles and Sandra Champion (editor) work together in deciding the best ways to put our Bengal together.

The year the Bengal Staff was composed of sophomore, juniors and seniors. The staff worke together and each member strived to meet the deadlines of his particular section.

After many headaches, laughing sessions, erasures, and meetings with Mr. Albright, the staffinally had the annual together. Miss Robles was a great sponsor and she was a tremendous help to all the staff members. This year's editor was Sandra Champion and the co-editor was Mildre Rios.



engal Staff officers are Mildred Rios assistant editor, Sandra Chamion editor, and Maria Carreon business manager.



Miss Robles, the Bengal Staff sponsor, smiles broadly while posing in front of the bulletin board



taff members seem to be working happily. Wonder hat that picture is???



Miss Robles must find Cande's question amusing Everytime a staff member has a question they know to whom to en.

Our Cheerleaders . . .



The Spirit of MHS



YEA TIGERS' Irma, Vickie Pat, Gilsie and Suzanne (mascot) are shown while giving a yell for our MIGHTY TIGERS!



Vickie Wade *
Head Cheerleader



Pat Harville *

MHS Pep Squad . . . The Spirit Behind Our Boys



Pep Squad members are (front row I to r). Mrs. Tidwell (sponsor), Yvonne Romeros, Gilsie Knapp, Vickie Wade. Pat Harvill Irma Ortiz. Jeanne Wade. (tiger), and Mrs. Cantu (sponsor). (second row). Esmeralda Prado. Hilda Hernandez, Judy Solis Olga. Vela, Alicia Garza, Rosalie Broughton, and Yolanda Bocanegra. (third row). Olga Martinez, Norma Moreno, Mir. Rodriguez. Maria Longoria, Sylvia Bernal. Yolanda Romeros. Nelda Mata. (fourth row). Nolda Garza, Tina Gonzalez, Deli Trevino, Mary Garcia, San Juanita Perez, Sylvia Silva, Linda Gonzalez, and Mary Jane Gonzalez. (fifth row). Ester Fernandez Janie. Rodriguez, Rosie de los Santos, Mildred Rios, Cindy Champion, Ida Martinez. Lynda Moore. (sixth row). Maricell Martinez, Nelda Garcia. Teresa. Duran, Elva Campos, Rosie Garza. Lydia Barron. Dalia Garza, Gretchen Hovda. (sevent row). Rose Mary. de la Cerda, Nellie Galvan, Norma Garza, Mary. Elizabeth Soto, Vangie. Martinez, Cathy. Mitchell, Yvett Romeros. (eighth row). Margarita Reyes, San Juanita Martinez. Delma Sarmiento, Isabel Garza, Beatrice de los Santos, Santos, Santos.

Juanita Barroso, and Barbara Raulie.

The MHS Pep Squad is organized to promote school spirit all year. This year we had a large group and spirit was always high.

The Pep Squad attended all football games and cheered our team... whether it was a victory or a defeat. Thanks to Mrs. Tidwell and Mrs. Cantu, the pep squad was a well-organized, happy bunch of TIGER supporters.

Yes, our Pep Squad did their part in promoting school spirit at MHS and was truly the SPIRIT BEHIND OUR BOYS!



Pep Squad aponsor Mrs. Livia Tidwell.



Coach Suggs demonstrates to pep squad officers just how to hold a basketball. Officers are (I to r). Mildred Rios parliamentarian, Mary Garcia secretary, Cindy Champion President, Coach Suggs. Yvette Romeros vice president, Vangie Martinez treasurer, and Delia Trevino reporter.



Pat, Gilsie, Vickie, Irma, and mascot Suzanne strike a cute pose for the Bengal.



Pep Squad members chose Amadeo (Tito) Cadena as their 1968-69 Sweetheart.



MHS Band Director is Mr. Avie Teltschik.



Assistant Band Director is Mr. Ramon Aguilar III.



Band officers for 1969 are (seated I to r): Marilyn Basinger and Beverely Taylor librarians, Teresa Hoverson secretary. (back row) Robert Miller president. Paul Cotter vice-president, and Scott Sparrow treasurer.



All-Valley High School Band Members are Barbi Anderson, Betty Sisk, and Larry Schwarz.

Twirlers Lead MHS Band



Maureen Hager-Drum Majorette



Beverely Taylor-Head Twirler



Sandra Marroquin



Betty Sisk Assistant Drum Majorette



Stephanie Dollery



Beth Herndon

Mercedes Fighting Tiger Band . . .



Band members are (row one). Linda Schwarz, Bobbie Kaye Jones, Barbara Harris, Colma Lentz, Ann Lauder, Beth Herndon, Karen Diehl, Sandra Marroquin, (row two). Jaime Closner, Betty Sisk, Denise Gonzalez, Barbi Anderson, Karen Brewer, Robert Sisk, Betty Pruitt, Jimmy Downing, Maureen Hager (row three). Belle Moreno Susan Dillon Rebecca Diaz, Nora Stewart, San Juanita Gonzalez, Diana Salinas, Ruby Peynado, Mike Garcia, Jesse Howell, Sidney Gonzalez, Dorothy Lusk, Jacinto Gonzalez, Leshe Barnes, Juan Pablo Gallaga (row four). Joyce Hoffman Elizabeth Flores, Mary Tanketsley, Gloria Garcia, Josie Perez, Olivia Padilla, Rosemary Closner, Glenn Stewart, Oscar Garcia, Dickie Hinojosa, Robert Miller (row five) Ricky Gwens, Tracy Edgemon, Henry Hinojosa, Rolando Gonzalez, Noe Tomelloso, Alfonso Solis, Jaime Garza, Ernest Garcia, Beverly Taylor, Pam Powers, Diane Wardłow, Raul Hinojosa, Ralph Cavazos.

The Pride of Mercedes



Band members are (row one) Esther Sanchez, Marianne Sparrow, Martha Warner, Marian Wade, Hilda Hernandez, Stephanie Dollery, Sally Twenhaufel (row two) Marilyn Basinger, Rudy Mora, Joy Jones, Gretchen Hovda Gloria Perez, Rosemary Ybarra, Susan Swarner, Diana Martinez, Ruth Ann Crenshaw, Nancy Green, (row three). Ricky Richerts Joe A Trevino, Vicente Salas Delia Sanchez, Peggy Erwin, Marcella Erwin, Eddie Erwin, Maricella Martinez, Ricardo Martinez, Paul Cotter, Judy Fiveash, Scott Sparrow, Bobby Closner (row four): Latry Schwarz, Theresa Hoverson, Kandyce Lugg, Jimmy Greenwood, Frank Basaldua, Stephen Miller, Michael Jackson, George Metzger, Gary Albright Cynthia Mata, Albert Closner, Brenda Brothers, Mike Green (row five): Mark VanBerg and Kenneth Jones

MHS Choir Has Ma



Choir members are (front row I to r) Feliciano Cuadra, Rene Cortez, Gloria Jones, Isabel Garza, Cathy Mitchell, Erendin Ferguson. (second row) Raul Galvan, Gilbert Salinas, Horace Vega, Rafael Mendoza, Marcelina Sauceda, Judy Solis, Ann Ayala Ramiro Guajardo, Robert Elizondo, Sandra Garcia, Nelda Garza, Betty de la Cerda, Becky Rodriguez Janie Gomez, Dal



Choir officers are Cathy Mitchell reporter, Isabel Garza parliamentarian, Janie Sanchez secretary, Judy Solis S. C. representative, Rosie Guajardo vice president, and Becky Rodriguez President.

ny Activities



Aparicio, Susana Vega, Brenda Barrera, Santos Martinez Jame Sanchez, Lupita Mejia, Odiha Vasquez, Elida Benavidez, Beth Sauceda Dulce Escobar, Diana Anciso, Rosie Guajardo, Linda Harrison, Cherly Riley (third row) Bobby Van Burkleo, Javier Garza, Elizabeth Vidales, Rosemary Dodson, Alicia Villarreal.

The success of a choir is built on the work of ach individual and the time and effort of the lirector.

Mr. Ralph Kies did an excellent job in training nd directing the choir at all of its performances.

The choir performed at the Christmas Assembly, and at a later assembly they sang popular its which were enjoyed by all. At the end of the ear, the Choir had a swimming party which was treat to all deserving choir members.



The MHS Choir is shown while rehearsing busily for their annual concert.

Tiger Staff Publishes an Excellent Paper

The Tiger Staff worked many long hours to make their paper the best. With the help of their sponsor, Miss Whatley, and the editor, Betty Sisk, the staff succeeded in producing a prizewinning publication.

This summer two staff members will attend a journalism institute at Trinity in San Antonio to learn new techniques in newspaper and photography.



Tiger Editor Betty Sisk works diligently counting the profits from the sales of The Tiger.



Tiger Staff members are (kneeling l to t) Mark Hartnell, Betty Sisk, San Juanita Barroso, Esperanza Longoria. (bac row) Beth Ferguson, Bobby Sisk, Oscar Galvan, Jaime Perez, Bonnie Bazar, Miss Whatley (sponsor), Bobbie Kaye Jone Sylvia Presas, and Barbara Harris.

More From the Bengal Files













Projection '73

The purpose of Projection '73 is to get the 1969 Seniors' predictions as to what they will be doing in 1973. They all seem to want a new parking area for the underclassmen, an auditorium close to campus, and various other additions for our school. Most of the 1969 Seniors will either be married by 1973 or will be finishing their college education. The majority of them thought the world will be in the same situation as it is today. Well, whatever the world situation will be in 1973, the graduating class of '69 will strike to make this world a better place to live. The four questions which they were asked are

- 1. Where do you think you will be in 1973?
- 2. Do you think you will be married by 1973?
- 3. In what situation do you think the world will be in 1973?
- 4 What changes would you like to see in Mercedes High School by 1973?



Javier Ayala By 1973 I hope I will be a graduate of Pan American coilege No. I will not be married. The world will be crowded and more than akely on a colonization. Youth to the moon I would like to see a new caletonia a new gym, a parking lot, an auditurium and a time Arts Boulding.



Maria G. Carreon: In 1973, I think I may probably be at Tor Adel finishing my senior year of college. No. I don't think I will married by that time. It's pretty hard to determine the a rate the word was be an but I suspect where will be a rise kind of who being it aght. The changes I would like to see in MHS are mowell mannered and courteous modents with their teachers, and, course a ougher and better fighting team of TIGERS.



Josefina Avila: In 1973, I think I'll be in a university getting one of the degrees I want. I'll probably be mare ed it I'm ah my four years of college. I think the world attention we be were By 1974 I would like to see EXEMPTIONS for an classes for nuderate with 90 averages.



Carmen Castaneda: I will probably be some place in Texhopefully in Houston or Dallas, and yes, I'll be married by 197. The world will probably be in a worst struction than it is now as with wilder teenagers. I would like to see an auditorium, cafeter and the parking lots fixed.



Elvm Basaidus. I don't know exactly where [1] be in 1973 but I dun't think. It be in Mercedes, Yes. I think. It be married by 1973. The world situation will be probably be the same or maybe worse. I'd like to see the school completed and the south parking for fixed.



Louis Cavaros By 1973 I will be either in Vict Nam or college No. I don't think I will be married by then a thank I structure will be much the more as it is now I would like to see good football team and the completion of MHS.



Bilds Benavides. I hope that by 1973 I'm not in Mercedes, but somewhere in Thicago or in Mi higan. Yes, I think I'd be married by 1973. The world intuition will be worst than it is now. We will still be in Viet Nam. I would also to see a long funch hour.



Marie Champion: I really don't know where I'll be, but I I a right I might just be in France, Castorna I would rather be he in good old Mercedes. It's all up to my husband Well, I'm alrea married We really can't tell just what the world will be like 1973, but I do wish that all the people in the world could stop think and try together to solve the problems which we all Ia. There aren't many changes which I would like see here in Mi One thing I will say is that MitS is one of the best schools in I valtey. Students should have more spirit, but I have been we happy and groud to be a student of MHS!



Brenda Brothers: By 1973 I hope to be working for TWA as an article hostess. I hope I would be married by then I hope that by 1973 there will be peace in the world. I would like to see a new band hall.



Sandra Champion: I'm not sure where I'll be, but I'll somewhere attending college, I'm not sure whether I'll be marri by 1973, but I hope so. The world situation will be critical. I will still be at war. I would like to see a better parking lot for t students.



Bertha Contrerast I hope I'll still be in Mercedes and married by 1973 I think the world will be in a worst situation than it is now because of so many riots. I would like to see Mercedes students participate in more activities—in other words, he acree



Karen Sue Dichl: I'd like to be working in Houston or Dallan, I'm not planning on marriage until I finish college, but I might meet the right guy and then I don't know. The world will be in the same mess as it is today. I think it would be great if all the students would back all the activities, like band and sports. There's a lot of kids that don't take part in anything.



Teresa Contrerat: I will still be living in Mercedes, but not married. The world will be worst than at present. I would like a better purking for for the underclassmen.



Myrthala Domenguez: In 1973 I will still be living in Mercedes. I do hope that I will be married by then, but you never can be sure. It might be before or maybe never I think the world will still be the mine mens by 1973. The change I would like to see in Mercedes High School is more school spirit.



Paul Cotter: I will be in my senior year of college, I hope. I don't know which college it will be. No, I won't be married unless the right girl comes along. I would like an extension out to the parking lot so the seniors won't get wet, and more films.



Margaret Everagle: I will probably be somewhere in Texas, but more than likely in the Valley, I don't know if 151 be married by 1973. You never can tell. The world situation will be worse than k is now. I would like to see more school spirit.





Antonio Plander: In 1973 I will be coming out of the Army, and I will not be married because 1'll be too young. The world will be worse than it is now, I'd like to see more student freedom.



Minnie Daniel: I will probably be somewhere out of the valley, hopefully working as a secretary. Yes, I think I will be married by 1973. The world will probably be involved in another war or just coming out of one. I would like to see more good tenchers like Mrs. Lauder, Mrs. Soingo, and Mr. Petross.



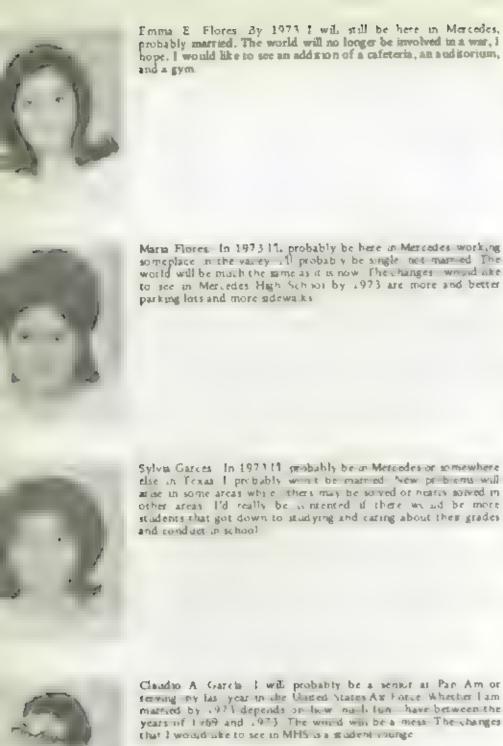
Judy Fivessh: I will probably be on the moon. Yes, I think I will be married. By 1973 we will all be living on the moon with superionic cars. I would like to see all nice teachers, no homework, and more elective classes.



Winter Derus I m not sure just where I'll be although I'll probably still be in America going to college. I hope I'm not married by then. There is nowhere the world could be by then but gone—blown-up—or reformed and in absolute peace, I don't think things can continue this way. Unless Mercedes has a complete overhaul it will probably stay exactly the mme—after all, that's only four years away.



Arnoldo Flores: By 1973 I hope to be in the front row of the graduating class of Harvard University. Yes, I will be married if a lucky girl comes along. The world will be in a much better state after I get out there. I would like to see the completion of MHS and less restrictions on the students.



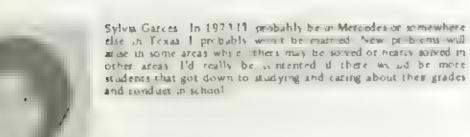
Maria Flores. In 1973 11, probably be here in Mercedes working someplace in the valley . Il probably be single net married. The world will be much the same as a is now The changes would alte to see in Mercedes High School by 1973 are more and better



Sandra Garcia. Well, I won't be here in Mercedes. I will probably settle down somewhere up north, I might not be muried by then but then who knows? The world situation, I think, will be mucl the same. Maybe better, maybe worse. I would like to see a larger and better mack bar at MHS



Verorsea Galvan I don't scally know where I'll be in 1973. Mayb worse if the world keeps going this way. Exemptions is one major change I would like to see. I would also like to see more school spirit, especially after football season





Adolfo Gerza: I will be in Mercedes, Texas and still single Th world situation will be the same or worse I would like a bette purking lot, with better rules to keep it organized.



Claudio A Garcia I will probably be a senior at Pan Am or serving by las year in the United States Ar Force Whether Lammarried by 1971 depends on how no blue have between the years of 1969 and 1973. The wind win be a mess. The changes that I would also to see in MHS is a student injurge.



Pete Garan: By 1975 I will be in the Air Force or Pan America College No. I won't be married 131 first finish my education at secure a good job. The Viet-Nam War will still be going on Ti U.S. will already be on the moon and trying for Venus or Mars would like to see a band hall, a football stadium, a gym, and a auditorium



Ernest Garda. I will be finishing my senior year in college or coming out of the Air Porce. No. I won't be married I don't think the world situation can get any better than it is now, I would like to see a new bend half, a cafeteria, a gym, and a football and baseball stadium



Rosle Garra. Well, I'll probably be getting out of college by 197 No. I have no plans to get married yet unless he proposes. Actual the United States will still be in the same war with Vist Nam. would like to see more school spirit and more Sentor privileges.



Juanita Garcia: By 1973 I'll probably still be in Mercodes, but I'm not sure, I hope I'm married by that time. The world will be at prace I hope, I would like to see a new gyrs, more tall trees, and more paved parking space



Miria Hims Guajardo: 1'll probably be working somewher around here in Old Mercedes. Yes, I think I will be married. Let just hope the world aituation doesn't get worse. I'm hoping it will be a better world to live in I would like to see the underclassmen parking lot paved. Poor underclassmen, Also, I would like to se that they start building a cafeter's and a gymnasium.



Rom Garcin 131 probably be here in Mercedes by 1973 1 don't know but I hape I m not married I m L want to tre a basic I hope the world situation will change by 1975 I would like to ace a new parking area for the underclasamen



Rammo Guajardo. In 1973, I will still be in college an ess th draft gets me before then No I don't think I will be married TI wind will be about the same as it is today. The change I would like to see in Mercedes High School is a larger parking lot



Rosa and a Guajardo I will probably still be in Mircedes working as a teacher said or maybe in a store. Yes I think I will be manifed by 1973. The world will still be at war. The situation will not be much better but I hope not worse, would like to see the I much parking of paved experiency those big holes. I would also like to see easier teachers in MHS.



Term Hoverson In 1973 II enter be finishing college at San Marcos or will be working probably as a secretary in some big cav. I doubt that II, be marred because I plan to have lots of freedom before I set is down. By 1973 the Vietnam War will probably be over and that will be one of the few peacetal years.



Sinds Harrison I will probably be working outside the valley. Yes I be pell wid be married by then. The world situation will be worse than it is today. I hope however, that it will be a little more organized would like to see tens strict teachers, more student my so about dress and a longer unch hour.



Estella Jüpan: By 1973 I will be a secretary, working somewhere in the valley. I don't really know if I will be married, but I think I will be if the right man comes along. The world situation in 1973 will be just the same wars and riots. I would like to see a Snack Bar for MHS students to hing around and a bigger school with an auditorium and a new cafeteria.



Exas Hernandez [r In 1973] will probably be serving in the Armed Forces. No I don't think I will be mained I besieve that the Vietnam war will be over and that the world will be a better place in which to live I would like to see the school completed and the streets exits and parking lots enlarged and paved.



most Jones In 1973 I'll probably be attending Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolia, California. No. 1 doubt that I'll be married by that time. I think the Vietnam War will be over, but we'll be fighting for some other country in need in the U.S. 1 think the situation of equal rights and demonstrations will have changed for the better, I would like the Science Dept to get more money to buy more equipment to furnish more field trips.



Henry Hinosom. By 1971 I'll he in the Navy or at college. I will do notely not be mart of The world sit ation wal be better and the sum of the victosin War hopelium. I would also to see more sports programs.



Gloris Jones: By 1973 I will be in Australia and married, The world attention will probably be the same as now, I would like to have an air-conditioned room for the choir



David Howell I will probably be a senior in college or at least I hope I was be No , was not be married because I ill still be having tup. The world will be in much worse condain its than it is now, but hope not I would be to see that MHS is completed and see more where as for the itsidents.



Kenneth Jones, Jr. By 1973 I will be finishing my senior year at the University of Corpus Christi, Yes I will be married by that time. The world situation wal be about the more, but maybe a lattle bit better. I would aske to see a new band half.



Walter Howell: By 1973 I will be in the heart of Texas. Mercedes. Yes, I will be married, or at least I hope so. The world situation will be worse. I would like to see the senior meetings changed to the afternoons and a recreation room for the students.



Gilste Knapp. In 1973 I hope 131 be finishing my senior year of college but I probably won't. Maybe 13 be married who knows? I'm not sure what the world will be ske I hope that the war in Viet Nam is over but who can predict the farare? I would ske to see EXEMPTI. NS and I hope that some of rules are changed and maybe another paved parking jot.



Esperanta Longorn By 1973 IT, he working in a hospital and maybe I'll arready he a registered curse. I'll probably he in the process of getting main ed. There will be plenty of tiors and world problems. There should be more advantages for the seriors and seniors should go out of assemblies first followed by the underclassmen.



San Juanita Manoz In 1971 I will probably be in Houston, working on IMB computing machines. No I don't think I will be married by then I be ever that the war in Viet Nam will still be going on and these will be a greater number of women than men I would like to see an auditorium, a gym, and a cafeteria built for Mercedes High School



Mary Losano: I hope I will be finishing my senior year in college. Maybe I'll be married. You never can tell. At the cate the world is going, it care un't going to get any better, but I care hope it does I would like to see no detention hall and a student lounge.



Luz Maria Ortis: I will probably be living in California by 1973. Maybe I'll be married. There will be new equipment to be used wherever it is available. In my opinion, there are not going to be any changes made in Mercodes High School.



Mary Gloria Lopez: By 1973 I'll be here in Mercedes, probably Yes, I will be married and very happy. I hope the world is at peace I would like to have a guym here at the high school, plus an auditorium, a cafeteris, and a band hall



Anita Padilla. In 1973 I will be in some far-off state and happil married. The Viet Nam War will probably be over by then has we'll be engaged in other wars. I would like for all the students tiget better acquainted with their teachers. It would help them a their school work.



Kandy Lung: I'll either be finishing college or teaching in some small town in Texas, preferably near San Antonio. I probably won't be married, but maybe engaged. I really due t know what she world situation will be by then.



Celia Perez: I will probably be working somewhere in the Valley Edyba I'll be married by then, I think that the world situation i 1973 will be the same or probably a little bit worse, I don't thin MHS needs any changes, but if it gets any it's all right.



Maria Olga Martinee: I'll probably he somewhere in Texas by 1973 I don't know, but I think I will be married by 1973. I think that the situation in the world in 1973 will still be the same, with fighting going on in Vietnam. I would like to see the participation of gals in sports by 1973.



Jose 1 Perez By 1973 I think I'll be in Israel, I don't know if I be married by then. The world situation will be about the aim except that it will have progressed a little. I would like to a teachers that give homework in moderation but are still inform tive and useful to the students. I would also like to see mor freedom of expression among the students.



Issue Mireles. In I will probably be ending my military obligation or working somewhere up state. No. I will not be married by them, but I'll be getting close to at The world situation will be worse. I would like to see a smack bar the understanded parking lot paved doors in each room, and benches on the school ground.



Alfredo Press. I think I will still be in college by 1973 Nothoge that the Viet Nam War will be at a close by that time I was to see an auditorium so that the whole student body doesn't hat to walk to the old auditorium. I would also want to see a gy: Walking to and from the auditorium and bus transportation creates a low of time.



Elva Quiroga In 1973 I think I'll be working here in Mercedes, unless my plan fails. Yes I think I will be married by that time. Well I think that the Viet Nam War will still be on and a might even be worse I would like to see more green trees and flowers on campus and a new cafeterin. I would also like to see the North Parking Lot paved and a new gym.



Teresa Salas I think I'll still be in Mercedes by then and more than likely married I believe that our problems concerning the Viet Nam Wat will increase I would like to see benches around the school, a new auditorium, a gym, a cafeteria a snack bar, and a new bell for the school, not a horn!



Cande Ramirez. I m not sure but perhaps in Bethany. Oklahoma. Yes, I'll be married by 1973. I hope we will not be in V et Nam. I d like to see more school sprit and support.



Gilbert Sahnas. By 1973 I will be in some other place that is not like Mexcedes. Yes, I will be married. The situation will, be the same as today, but that is only if there isn't a war that will do away with all of us. I would like to see an improvement of the rules. I would also like to see the students dress as they please so long as their dress is decent and proper. The students should decide for themselves how they want to look.



Dennis Raulie: If my plans work out, I'll probably be getting out of the Navy, I don't know if I'll be married by 1973 or met. It's hard to say what the world will be like four years from now, It's likely that somebody will be living on the moon and that the war may still be going on strong. I'd tike to see a student lounge a place where students can go play games or something, I'd also like to see the South Parking lot fixed.



Eather Sanchez: 1th be in Weslaco and most likely married The world situation will be much the same. I would like to see windows in the classrooms and exemptions for all classes.



Cherly Ann Ruey. Unfortunately, I'll still be in the Valley by 1973. Yes 17h nk I will be mare ed by then. The world will be in a much bigget mess than it is in already.



Marceline Sauceda: I hope that by 1973 [1] he is a bigger city 1 doubt very entionaly that I'll be married but maybe? will The world situation will be about the same I would like to see the cafeteris and new auditorium built at the new high school, and if possible a small bar.



Mildred Rios. I hope I will be finishing my senior year in college. Maybe I was be marred by then I hope this world will not be any worse than it already is I would like to see doors in the class rooms and an auditor um.



Glenn Stewart: By 1973 I'll be in the Marines, I probably won't be married. The world will either be at absolute peace or in a world war. There won't be any inbetween. I'd like to me better vocational facilities and up-to-date books.



Obeth Rindriguez III be owing somewhere else in the Valley IIII definitly be marked. The world sit action will be much the same I diake to see a longer lanch period and more school spars.



Nancy Swain. In 1973 I hope I will be living in an apartment in either Houston or San Antonio II all goes well I would like to have just graduated from college. I hope that I would like to have a feeling that I will be I think the world will be in a bugger mess than it is now. The world is too far gone now to start changing for the better. By 1973, I hope that the rest of the school will be finished. I also hope that some the teachers will be changed. The main thing I would like to see is the Senior Parking Lot finished.



Herlinda Rubio I don't have my mind set yet but I will probably be in Mercedes. No I don't think I'll be married. By then I hope we will not be involved with any type of war so that everyone can lead a peaceful life. I hope to see the rest of the departments completed and that includes a new parking sot so that future underclassmen won't complain as much.



Trent Taylor By 1973 this be in college and not married. The world intuition will be about the same. I would not like to see any changes at Mercedes High School.

Senior Achievements

Juana Alvarez: FHA; CYO; Perfect Attendance Award.

Josefina Avila: Student Council, 4 years. Chaplain Freshman Year. Sophomore class president. NHS, ZES treasurer, FTA, Y-Teens. La Lengua, Junior class president. 1968 Spanish Award: Student Council President, PASF DAR citizenship award, DAR history award. UIL 1st district Girl's Debate, Most Likely to Succeed, 1969 Speech Award, Salutorian, September Rotary Couple; UIL Typewriting, Who's Who. Most Outstanding Girl; NHS Outstanding Girl; Citizenship Award.

Elvia Basaldua. FHA. NHS. PASF corresponding secretary, VOE area conference and State Convention; ZES. March Rotary Couple; Spanish and Bookkeeping Awards.

Brenda Brothers Thespians, Y-Teens, Band 4 years, Carnival Queen Candidate.

Edelmiro Briseno: Football 4 years. Track Freshman Year, Tiger Council, Stage Crew Senior Play.

Mary A. Canty. Bengal Staff, Y-Teens Treasurer. Student Council Representative. Worship Chairman, Thespians 4 years. Student Council 1 year. Chansonnettes 2nd. Vice-President. Band 3 years. Pan American Music Scholarship.

Maria G. Carreon. FHA 4 years, Recording Secretary 2 years, President 1 year, FHA Honorary Pin, Le Petite Journal Asst. Editor, Sophomore Skit, Junior, Chapter, and State Degrees, CYO Treasurer, FBLA, FTA, FHA Voting Delegate, 1969 Outstanding Student in Homemaking Trophy, 60 and 80 word pin for Shorthand, Bengal Business Manager, Bengal Award; French Certificate, Christmas Angel; Hobo Queen, NYC Reporter; Style Show Honorable Mention.

Carmen Castaneda. FHA I & II, FBLA, Thespians, Pep Squad, Choir, Senior Powderpuff Team, Senior Play (Make-up).

Pedro Chacon: FFA I, II, III, & IV.

Marie Champion: FHA; Pep Squad; O.E.A. Secretary; FTA.

Sandra Champion: The spians Reporter, Freshman Cheerleader, Pep Squad, Sophomore Skit, La Lengua, Bengal Editor: VOE Reporter, FBLA, Key Heart, Typical Teen, Yearbook Award: First Runner-up for Most Beautiful.

Bertha Contreras: FHA II; VOE; Le Petite Journal; Pep Squad.

Teresa Contreras: VOE; FHA; Pep Squad; La Lengua.

Rene Cortez: DECA, Choir, Beta Gamma Phi; Most Witty Boy Senior Class

Minnie Daniels: Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, FHA High Point Girl; Witty Sayings, FHA; Y-Teens; DFCA.

Winter Derus. Homecoming Queen, Most Popular, English Award, Betty Crocket Homemaking Award, Y-Teens; NHS; O.E.A. President; Senior Play; January Rotary Couple.

Karen Sue Diehl Band 5 years, Student Council, Thespians, National Thespians 3 years; FTA, FTA Parliamentarian, Choir, Y-Teens, Le Petite Journal, 4th in UIL Shorthand (District); Shorthand Award; Chansonnettes; Vice-President of Church Youth Group.

Mytrhala Dominguez: Freshman Class President, Senior Class President, Sophomore Class President, FTA Vice-President, FTA Reporter: Pep Squad treasurer, FHA 4th Vice Pres, Freshman Cheerleader, B Team Cheerleader, Christmas Angel, Most Intellectural, Rotary Girl, Student Council Representative, VOF Historian.

Margaret Ruth Eversole Guls Track (Edcouch Elsa , Book Jackets (Edcouch Elsa); FHA (Edcouch Elsa); Choir,

Judy Fiveash Homemaking Award, 2nd in 1969 Cotton Style Show, UL Girl's Prose Reading, Rotary Club's "Four Way Test", Perfect Attendance Award, Honor Roll, Senior Project Committee.

Arnoldo Flores: Student Council Senior Class Representative, Key Club, Vice President; 1969 M Association, Secretary, 1969 NHS, Tiger Council 3 years, Witty Sayings Committee, Chairman; May Rotary Couple; Most Likely to Succeed. American Legion's Boy's State, Certificate of Excellence, Spanish I. Most Outstanding in Weight Events. Track and Field, Track, Varsity 2 years, 2 year Letterman, Football 4 years.

Emma E Flores FHA, FBLA, FTA; Powderpuff, Senior Play (Make-Up).

Maria San Juanita Flores: FHA; VOE; NYC.

Veronica Galvan: FHA Chapter II President, Junior Degree of Achievement, Student council; Area FHA Meeting in Kingsville, State FHA Meeting in San Antonio FHA Chapter I Vice President, Chapter Degree of Achievement, Sophomore Skit, National Honor Society, Jr. Class Secretary, Miss FHA; Christmas Angel, April Rotary Girl, Senior Play, Most Energetic, Honor Graduate, Ninth in the class.

Sylvia Garces Perfect Attendance, FTA, FBLA, NHS, OEA, PASF, Thespians, ZES, Spanish Certificate of Honor, UIL Girl's Persuasive 3rd 1st Rotary Club of Mercedes Four-way Test.

Claudio Garcia: Freshman Track-1 yr. DECA member-2 yrs.

Oscar Garcia: Semor Play, Sophomore Skit, Junior Class Favorite, Key Club, Sophomore Class Favorite, Jr. Reporter; Soph, Parliamentarian; Band 4 yrs.

Adolfo Garza: Most outstanding defensive Basketball Player 1967 68. Most outstanding Distance Runner - 1968 69. Most Valuable Track and Field Athlete 1968, Most Athletic '69 3 yrs. basketball, 2 yrs track, 1 yr. football.

Freddy Garza. 4 yr member FFA. Basketball squad leader, Track "440 relay."

Rosalinda Garza Soph, Skit, Pep Squad 4 yrs , FTA reporter, FBLA; Thespians, Y Teens, Bengal,

Rosa Garcia. FBLA, Thespians, Deca Sweetheart, Student Council, Perfect Attendance 8 yrs., Soph. Skit., Bengal.

Jesus Gonzales. PASF Student Council, Key Club, NHS, Most Intelligent, 7th high-ranking student.

Robert Gonzales. Treasurer of Soph. class, Typical Teen, La Lengua 1 yr.

Maria Elma Guajardo. FHA; DECA; Powder Puff (Soph) NYC Treasurer.

Maureen Hager; NHS 1 yr., Band 4 yrs, Y-Teens 3 yrs. Student Council, Thespians-4 yrs Twirler 1 yr. Drum Major, Jr. Class Favorite, Rotary Girl. Girl's State; Soph. skit. Sr. Play, Homecoming Duchess.

Linda Harrison. FHA 2 yrs, VOE, Pep Squad, Choir, Student Council, Basketball (1 yr), volleyball (1 yr).

Ricardo Hinojosa. Band 4 yrs, Key Club. Senior Play, Band Council. Sophomore Class Reporter.

David Hovda: Band 4 yrs, Senior Class Favorite, Most Spirited. Cheerleader Sweetheart; "M" Association, Key Club. Tiger Council. Student Council. First Alternate to Boy's State, All District 16 AAA 2nd team Football.

Most Valuable Athlete, Baseball 1 yr., Football 2 yrs.; Track 1 yr. Basketball 2 yrs.

David Howell. Football 2 yr, baseball 1 yr, track 1 yr, "M" Association, Best Spirited,

Walter Howell Football 4 yrs., Track 1 yr., All District (Sr. Yr.); Most Popular (Sr. Yr.), Class Favorite (Freshman): "M" Association.

Joe Jilpas. PASF. La Lengua; Most Courteous, FHA Sweetheart; PASF Sweetheart.

Brad Jones: "M" Association, Student Council, Thespians, Beta Gamma Phi, Sept. Rotary Boy, Boys State Delegate; Senior Play; UIL Play 68-69; Drama Award.

Gloria Jones: Deca; FHA, 3 years; Choir.

Gilsie Knapp FFA Sweetheart, Key Club Duchess; Pep Squad; Y Teens, OEA; Thespians, Student Council; Soph Class Favorite. Student Director of Senior Play; Halloween Carnival Queen Candidate, Homecoming Duchess, Most Versatile; Varsity Cheerleader 2 yrs, Senior Class Corresponding Secretary; Cover Girl Contest, Art Award.

Colma Lentz Band 4 yrs, Band Secretary, Sr. play, Best Spirited-Soph. & Senior yr, Thespians 4 yrs; Y-Teens-3 yrs; Senior Class reporter.

Kandyce Lugg. Band 4 yrs. Y Teens 3 yrs. NHS 2 yrs. Thespians 1 yr. ZES 1 yr.; Recording Secretary of Junior Class, Secretary of NHS. Girl's State 2nd Alternate, Perfect Attendance 6 yrs.; Senior Play, Honor Graduate; 10th high ranking student.

Esperanza Longoria. FHA 2 yrs. Best School Spirited 68 69, Exchange editor for Tiger Staff.

Mary Gloria Lopez: FHA; FBLA 2 yrs; FTA; Secretary.

Mary Lozano: Most Witty; Soph. skit, Bengal Staff, Thespians, 2 yrs; FBLA (secretary treasurer) 2 yrs., Pep Squad 2 yrs.

Mike Marroquin: FFA; Football; Baseball; La Lengua.

Alma Marroquin: FHA; FFA Sweetheart; VOE 1 yr.

Casimiro Martinez: FFA; Track 1 yr.

Maria Olga Martinez: FHA, FTA, La Lengua Staff; Girls' P.E. Award, Pep squad 2 yrs.

San Juanita Munoz: Student Council; VOE Sweetheart; VOE.

Luz Maria Ortiz: La Lengua Club; Deca.

Sylvia Presas NHS Quill & Scroll, Student Council, The Tiger club editor, Business Award

Ricardo Pumarejo: Deca; Choir; FTA.

Elva Quiroga FHA. Most Creative Girl. Cover Girl Contestant (1968,.

Marta C. Ramirez La Lengua, Bengal, PASF, FHA; Most courteous '68'69, Soph Skit, Scholarship from PASF.

Dennis Raulie: Senior Play-Francis; Bengal Photographer.

Cheryl Ann Riley Y teens, Choir, Deca. Thespians, 3 yrs, FHA, 1 yr, Pep Squad 2 yrs., Senior play,

Mildred Rios Co Editor, Bengal, FBLA, Soph, skit, VOE, Student council, Pep Squad, FHA, Thespians, FBLA Sweetheart; Best-All Round Senior Girl.

Enrique Rodriguez: FFA; ICT.

Joe Rodriguez: VOE: VOE Sweetheart.

Rogelio Rodriguez FFA 4 yrs . Football 2 yrs. "M" Association 4 yrs., Most valuable player 67-68. Leadership award for FFA 68-69.

Rebecca Rodriguez Choir, Thespians, DECA, Pep Squad, FHA 1 yr.

Herlinda Rubio FHA 3 yrs PASF FBLA. Student Council La Lengua, Perfect attendance 2 yrs

Teresa Salas: VOE; FHA; Pep Squad.

Sofia Salazar: VOE; Volleyball Tournament; baseball.

Pedro Garza Salinas FFA, Football, Baseball, PASF, Rotary Couple for February, Debate team

Esther Sanchez FTA; FHA, ZES, NHS; Le Petit Journal (editor Soph skit, Perfect attendance 1 yr, Student Council. Senior Class Favorite, Band 1 yr Rotary Girl / May), 3rd high Ranking Student; Senior Play, Bengal; Who's Who in American High Schools.

Flia Sauceda Deca, FHA; Pep Squad, Powder Puff football game, Volleyball tournament.

Marcelina Sauceda: FHA, 2 yrs. Choir, Powder Puff football game, Pep Squad, Volleyball Tournament.

Larry Schwarz: Valedictorian, NHS, "M" Association; All-District Football Team, All Region Band; FHA Sweetheart (Jr. yr., Y-teens Sweetheart (Sr. yr.) ZES Sweetheart (Sr. Yr.); Band Award; Most Valuable Football Player (Sr. Yr.) Most outstanding Junior Football Player, Tri Captain Football Team (2 yrs.); Boys State Delegate, Treasurer Jr Class, Most outstanding Boy (Faculty), Who's Who in American High Schools, All-Valley Scholastic Football Team; Senior Play.

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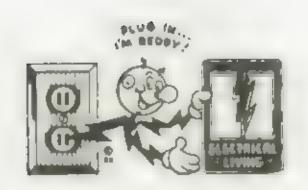
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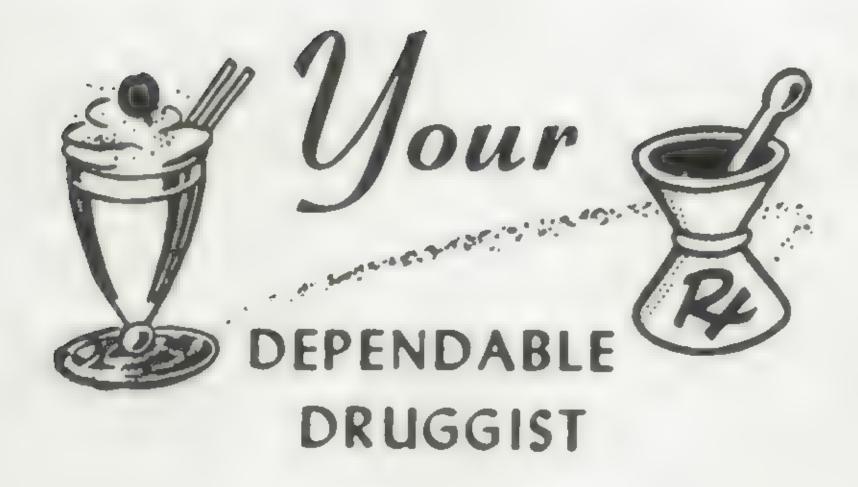




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Clemente Soiss. FFA, Soph, skit, UIL typing 2 nd place; VOE. Perfect attendance 1 yr.

Nancy Swain: VOE; Thespians; Y-Teens; Pep Squad 2 yrs.

Trenton Taylor Key Club. Student Council, Beta Gamma Phi, NHS, Senior Class Treasurer, Soph. skit, Who's Who in American High Schools, Boy's State (alternate, Summer Seminar in Math, '68 69 School Math Awards, '69 Departmental Math Awards, Bausch and Lomb Science Award.

Albert Trevino: Deca 2 yrs.

Odilia Vasquez: Choir; 3 yrs. FHA 1 yr.; Powder Puff football game.

Horace Vega: Football; baseball; choir; FFA; Most versatile.

Maria S. Vidales: FBLA; VOE; French III (award).

Princilla Villarreal Freshman cheerleader, Pep Squad, FHA, Soph, skit, Deca Student Council; Senior Class Recording secretary; FTA; FBLA.

Victoria Wade: Freshman Key Club Duchess, Freshman Favorite, Carnival Queen Candidate; Head Varsity Cheerleader: Football Sweetheart, Most beautiful, Track Relays Queen Alternate, "Most Spirited Award", Student Council Y teens 3 yrs. (pres. '69), Pep Squad, Thespians 3 years

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